PHOTOGRAPHY

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The role of visual communication continues to expand in contemporary media and culture. Skilled photographic professionals are needed to provide the images to fulfill industry demand. The College of DuPage Photography program prepares students for careers in the increasingly changing field.

Industry demand for photographers with the latest technological skills continues to build. At COD, students are provided with resources needed to develop a strong portfolio in traditional, alternative, and digital photography skills to meet that demand and to achieve their artistic and career goals. We teach a wide range of skills; from foundational skills to advanced digital imaging, printing, and professional practices. Our program incorporates guest speakers, location shooting, community engagement, and gallery exhibitions into the curriculum to provide our students with an expansive knowledge of photographic practice. The annual Exposed Photography Showcase is the culmination of the program, acting as a celebration of our students’ achievements and as an introduction into the photography industry.
WHY COLLEGE OF DUPAGE IS RIGHT FOR YOU

• Dedicated instructors with years of professional experience
• Instruction utilizing modern facilities and advanced equipment
• Affordable programs to help students achieve success without creating overwhelming debt or draining a saving account
• Small class sizes that ensure students receive personalized attention from instructors
• Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASASD)
• Articulated transfer programs with multiple four-year institutions

“The Photography program at COD was fantastic! The teachers actively participate in the field and provide great insight into a multitude of different photographic applications, in addition to being extremely helpful and encouraging. The courses not only teach you important techniques, but also to grow as a creative individual, whether you are pursuing a career as an artist or as a commercial photographer. Everyone involved made it an incredibly gratifying experience.”

~ Helena Kaminiski
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE IN PHOTOGRAPHY
The Photography degree is designed to provide students with a broad working knowledge of the industry and the fundamental skills to create and produce high quality images. This degree program requires 64 credits in program requirements, program electives and general education.

CERTIFICATE IN PHOTOGRAPHY
The Photography Technology certificate provides students with the necessary skills to work in industry. This certificate requires 46 credits, 10 of which are in electives that can be tailored to the student’s particular interests.

Both the A.A.S. degree and certificate allow for an internship if the student would like first-hand experience in a Photography business setting.
College of DuPage offers courses in the following areas of study:

- Analog Film Photography
- Digital Photography
- Alternative and Historical Photographic Processes
- Editorial and Documentary Photography
- Commercial Photography
- Wedding and Family Portraiture
- Video for Photographers
- Advanced Digital Editing
- Extended Project Development
- History of Photography
- Contemporary Photographic Practice
CAREER PATHS FOR GRADUATES OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

Editorial and Commercial Photographer: Works with clients to create images that encourage consumers to purchase products.

Portrait, Wedding, and Event Photographers: Documents important life events for a range of clients; including individuals, families, entrepreneurs, and large corporations.

Product Stylist: Creates the look, tone, and style of a photographic image.

Digital Content Specialist: Manages all aspects of digital content; from capture, through editing and output, to archive.

Photo Editor: Selects, edits, and manipulates images for print and digital media.

Photography Lab Technician: Manages photographic equipment and makes photographic prints.

Photography Assistant: Works in a supporting role on a photographic set.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are another funding source that students can apply for at College of DuPage. Eligibility varies, as does the amount of each scholarship. Scholarships are based on academic achievement, financial need, field of study and population. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for scholarships through College of DuPage or through outside resources. Remember, the more scholarships and grants you receive, the less loan money you may need to borrow! For more information: cod.edu/costs/index.aspx

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES
An Associate of Arts degree is recommended for transfer to a four-year institution. The Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) facilitates the transfer of students from one Illinois institution to another. Both a general education core curriculum and a lower-division major recommendation course listing have been developed.

Columbia College of Chicago, Bachelor of Arts in Photography

We are always adding to the list. Go to https://cod.edu/academics/transfer/index.aspx for more information.
GETTING STARTED

Visit cod.edu/photography

Consult with a Program Chair or Specialist:

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