



Language & Communication Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Associate in Arts Degree for Photography

Total number of units: 61-67 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1012.00

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Semester 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	PHOTO 010	Beginning Photography	3	No prerequisite. This course may be taken in previous summer during first session.	
Program Course	PHOTO 047	Introduction to Digital Photography	3	No prerequisite. This course may be taken in previous summer during first session.	
Program Course	MGMT 013	Small Business Entrepreneurship	3		
GE course	ENGLISH 101	Area D1: College Reading and Composition I	3	GE Area D1: English Composition. Milestone Course. ENGLISH 072 is a support course which can be added for a total of 4 units. ENGLISH 101 has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	Day, evening, short term and online. Course is also available at South Gate. ENGLISH 072, 101 may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE course	Area E1: Health Education		3	The department recommends Health 2, which covers both E1 and E2.	Schedules vary based on selected course.

Total Units 15

Semester 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	PHOTO 016	Fundamental Commercial Photography	3	Prerequisite for this course is PHOTO 010.	
Program Course	PHOTO 017	Introduction to Color Photography	3	Prerequisite for this course is PHOTO 010.	
Program Course	PHOTO 048	Intermediate Digital Photography	3	Prerequisite for this course is PHOTO 010 and PHOTO 047.	
GE course	MATH 125	Area D2: Intermediate Algebra	5	GE Area D2: Communications and Analytical Thinking. MATH 125 or higher is needed for transfer. Please see a counselor for appropriate placing. MATH 125S offers additional lab support and can be substituted for 125. Another option for this requirement is MATH 137.	Day, evening, short term and online. Course is also available at South Gate. This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE course	Area E2: Physical Education Activity		1		Schedules vary based on selected course.

Total Units 15

Semester 3	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	ART 501	Beginning Two-Dimensional Design	3		
Program Course	PHOTO 012	Advanced Photographic Techniques	4	Prerequisite for this course is PHOTO 016.	

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Program Course	MARKET 011	Fundamentals of Advertising	3		
Program Course	ELECTIVE	Choose one of the following: PHOTO 015, 022, 028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 035, 036, 037, 047, 051, 122, 123, ART 103, 604, ARTHIST 110, 120, CAOT 001, 031, JOURNAL 101, LAW 001, MEDIART 101, PHILOS 001 OR PHILOS 020.	1 to 4	See the catalog for course prerequisites and schedule. PHOTO 122, PHILOS 001, 020 has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	
GE course	Area B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		3	This course can be moved to another semester, including intercession, that is lower in units if needed, to create a balanced schedule.	Schedules vary based on selected course.

Total Units 14-17

Intercession	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
GE course	Area B1: American Institutions (History)		3		Schedules vary based on selected course.

Total Units 3

Semester 4	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	PHOTO 003	Basic Commercial Fields	6	Prerequisite for this course is PHOTO 012. Not offered every semester	
Program Course	PHOTO 121	History and Appreciation of Photography	3	Available online short term classes, all terms.	
Program Course	PHOTO 185	Directed Study	1		Individual meeting times. Flexible scheduling
Program Course	ELECTIVE	Choose one of the following: PHOTO 015, 022, 028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 035, 036, 037, 047, 051, 122, 123, ART 103, 604, ARTHIST 110, 120, CAOT 001, 031, JOURNAL 101, LAW 001, MEDIART 101, PHILOS 001 OR PHILOS 020.	1 to 4	See the catalog for course prerequisites and schedule. These classes help you specialize. PHOTO 122, PHILOS 001, 020 has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	
GE course	Area A: Natural Sciences		3	Although any course from the list may be selected, see a counselor for transfer requirements, which includes a lab course in addition or embedded into a class.	Schedules vary based on selected course.

Total Units 14-17

Degree Path and Requirements:

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

Department Advising Notes:

This map was created using the LACCD General Education Plan for GE courses required for an AA Degree. Students that wish to transfer should meet with a counselor for advisement on IGETC and CSU course selection.

Program Description

The Photography Discipline provides education in both digital and traditional photography, as well as, studio and the laboratory processes. A wide variety of immersive courses include instruction in lighting, digital image manipulation, digital cinema and video production, custom printing, portraiture, visual communications, marketing, concept and portfolio development. These classes provide our students with the knowledge necessary to succeed in challenging and exciting fields and, prepare you for career advancement, or assist in making a career transition. Our facility has over eight separate teaching labs including black and white and color darkrooms, a film processing lab, a commercial studio, computer lab and a variety of professional

equipment for students to use.

Photographers are problem solvers who combine artistry, technique, design, and creativity to make compelling images that tell a story. The digital revolution and increasingly sophisticated imaging software mean photography is now limited only by imagination.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Graduates pursue careers such as family and event photography, headshot and portfolio photography, commercial photography, promotional photography, on set photography for film and television, broadcasting and entertainment production.

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

Youtube Videos

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Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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