

26-27 A.A. Commercial Photography Degree (PHTC)



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

Students who complete the associate degree have enhanced employability in the field of photography and transfer to CSU. They are well prepared for promotional opportunities such as lead lab technician or supervisory positions. The associate degree will also provide students with a broad range of knowledge with which to evaluate and appreciate the physical environment, the culture, and the society in which they live and with the ability to think and communicate clearly and effectively. For more information, visit the [Arts & Humanities](#) division.

TO EARN A DEGREE A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of a minimum of 60-semester units or 90 quarter units of degree applicable courses
- [2] A minimum of 18-semester units in a major
- [3] Completion of 21 units AVC General Education Requirements
- [4] Minimum overall grade point average of 2.0
- [5] A "C" or better in all courses required for the major

AA - Commercial Photography (PHTC)

[Total Units Required in the major 30]

Required Courses, complete ALL courses (total 27 units)	
PHOT107 - History of Photography	3
PHTC101 - Beginning Black and White Photography	3
PHTC125 - Beginning Digital Photography	3
PHTC150 - Beginning Color Photography	3
Prerequisite: Completion of PHTC 101	
PHTC200 - The Business Of Photography	3
Prerequisite: Completion of PHTC 125, PHTC 203, and PHTC 215.	
PHTC203 - Foundations of Cameras & Composition	3
PHTC211 - Wedding, Portrait and Event Photography	3
Prerequisite: Completion of PHTC 101 and/or PHTC 125.	
PHTC215 - Photography Studio Practices	3
Prerequisite: Completion of PHTC 101 or PHTC 125.	
PHTC275 - Advanced Digital Photography	3
Prerequisite: Completion of PHTC 125.	

Program Electives, choose one (total 3 units)	
ART100 - Art Appreciation	3
PHOT213 - Life Photography	3
Prerequisite: Completion of PHTC 101 or PHTC 125.	
PHTC201 - Advanced Black and White Photography	3
Prerequisite: Completion of PHTC 101.	
PHTC205 - Documentary and Photojournalism	3
PHTC298 - Special Studies in Photography	3
Prerequisite: Completion of PHTC 101 or PHTC 125	

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY Commercial Photography

The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty. Take classes in **Summer** or **Intersession** if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner!

Fall/Spring: Max 19 units | Summer: Max 9 units | Intersession: Max 6 units

SEMESTER 1	
Course	Units
PHTC 101	3
PHOT 107	3
AVC GE AREA 2: MATH & QUANT. RSNG.	3
AVC GE AREA 1A: ENGL C1000	4
PROGRAM ELECTIVE: CHOOSE ONE FROM LIST	3
Total Units	16

SEMESTER 2	
Course	Units
PHTC 125	3
PHTC 150	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE	2
AVC GE AREA 3: ARTS & HUMANITIES	3
Total Units	14

SEMESTER 3	
Course	Units
PHTC 275	3
PHTC 203	3
PHTC 215	3
AVC GE Area 4: SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	3
AVC GE AREA 5: NATURAL SCIENCE	3
Total Units	15

SEMESTER 4	
Course	Units
PHTC 200	3
PHTC 211	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE	3
AVC GE AREA 6: ETHNIC STUDIES	3
AVC GE Area 1B: ORAL COMM. & CRITICAL THINK	3
Total Units	15
TOTAL DEGREE UNITS	60

2026-2027 AVC General Education Requirements

Advising Form Effective Fall 2026 - Summer 2027

GE AREA	COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS	NEED	The requirements for an AA or AS degree include the following: 1. A minimum of 60 semester units; with at least 12 semester units completed in residence at AVC for an AA/AS degree (credit earned by examination will not be included in these 12 units); maximum of 12 pass/no-pass credit units can be accepted towards an AA/AS degree. 2. Refer to each individual program for major requirements. All major courses as specified in the AVC catalog <u>must</u> be completed with a grade of "C" or better. 3. An overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 ("C" average) is required. Double counting: While a course may satisfy more than one general education requirement, it may not be counted more than once for these purposes. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major or area of emphasis requirement. Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade in order to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. <u>Complete at least 3 semester units from each of the following areas below: 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Completion of 1a requires a minimum a grade of "C" or "P". Minimum Total GE Units Required 21 semester units or 28-31.5 quarter units.</u>
				AREA 1: ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND CRITICAL THINKING 2 courses required, one from Area A and one from Area B, 6 semester or 8 quarter units
1A				Group A: English Composition: ENGL C1000, ENGL C1000H
1B				Group B: Oral Communication and Critical Thinking: COMM C1000, C1000H; ENGL C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H; PHIL 201
				AREA 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning 1 course, 3 semester or 4 quarter units
2				MATH 103, 110, 116, 124, 128, 140, 148, 149, 150, 150H, 160, 220, 230, 250; STAT C1000, C1000H
				AREA 3: ARTS AND HUMANITIES 1 courses, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units
3				ART 100, 103, 104, 106, 113, 132, 135, 137, 140, 145, 163, 170, 213; ARTH C1100, C1100H, C1200, C1200H; CHIN 101, 102, 201, 202; DFST 101, 102, 201, 202; COMM 112, 114, 217, 219; DA 101, 113; ENGL 114, 221, 222, 225, 227, 230, 231, 235, 242, 253, 253H, 256, 257, 259, 265, 279, C1002, C1002H; FREN 101, 102, 201, 202, 203; FTV 101, 107, 108, 201, 203, 251, 261; GER 101, 102, 201, 202; HIST 104, 105, 110, 110H, 111, 111H, 113, 115, 119, C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H; LATN 101, 102, 201; MUS 101, 101H, 105, 106, 110, 111, 120, 151; MUSC 102, 103, 107, 108, 109; PHIL 105, 105H, 106, 108, 109, 230, 240; NF 150; PHOT 107; PHTC 101, 150, 201; SPAN 101, 102, 110SS, 201, 202, 203, 210SS, 220SS; THA 101, 101H, 102, 103, 104, 106, 110, 111, 130, 225, 239, 239H, 240
				AREA 4: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE 1 course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units
4				AJ 206; ANTH 102, 103, 110, 112, 112H, 140; BUS 212; CFE 102, 103; DFST 105, 106, 110; ECON 100, 110, C2001, C2001H, C2002, C2002H; GEOG 105, 106, 110; HIST 104, 105, 110, 110H, 111, 111H, 113, 114, 116, 118, 119, C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H; POLS 103, 200, 201, 202, 203, C1000, C1000H; PSY 200, 201, 212, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236; PSYC C1000, C1000H; SOC 105, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116, 120, 200; SOCI C1000, C1000H
				AREA 5: NATURAL SCIENCES 1 course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units
5				ANTH 101, 101H; ASTR C1001, C1001H; BIOL 100, C1001#, 102, 103, 104, 104H, 110, 120, 201, 202, 204, 205; CHEM 101, 102, 110, 120, 210, 220; ELTE 101; ERSC 101; GEOG 101, 102; GEOL 101, 101H, 102; PHYS 101, 102, 110, 120, 211; PSCI 101 # Students must register separately for the required lab component of BIOL 101L
				AREA 6: ETHNIC STUDIES 1 course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units
6				ETHN 101, 102, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114; ENGL 257 or ETHN 257EN

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

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Application for Graduation:

Antelope Valley College awards degrees three times annually following the Fall, Spring, and summer semesters. Students must apply for graduation to earn their degree or certificate. Applications are due by September 6 for spring/summer graduates and by February 14 for fall graduates.

AVC 26-27 CATALOG: [ACADEMIC POLICIES](#)

INFORMATION and RESOURCES

Tutoring Assistance
Transfer Center
Basic Needs

Career Center
Office of Students with Disabilities
Financial Aid

AVC Student Health Services
Palmdale Center
Counseling Division