

GUIDED PATHWAY: PHOTOGRAPHY (For Transfer To TAMU-Commerce BFA Photography – Emphasis in Commercial Photography)

CREATIVE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, and DESIGN CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Art webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/Art) [www.dcccd.edu/Art] and your academic advisor at your campus.

The guided pathway in Photography combines Photography courses with Core courses to complete the associate degree. An Associate of Arts degree with courses in this pathway prepares you to transfer to Texas A&M University Commerce (TAMU-Commerce) to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with an Emphasis in Commercial Photography.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing Commercial Photography. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an A.A. degree, which will increase your chances of transferring to bachelor's level programs at TAMU-Commerce. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See the catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

Visit www.dcccd.edu/transfer and select "Transfer from Dallas College," then click on TAMU-Commerce to view more information about transferring to that institution. Speak with your academic advisor to choose courses that will help you pursue Commercial Photography as a major at TAMU-Commerce.

Catalog Year	2020-2021	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Associate of Arts	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	Must be Complete	

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official program of study. See the catalog for [official degree requirements](#).

DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

SEMESTER 1

Total Hours: 15

[ENGL 1301](#) – Composition I *This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of "C" or higher.*
[MATH 1314](#) – College Algebra ** This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of "C" or higher*
[ARTS 1316](#) – Drawing I
[SPCH 1311](#) – Introduction to Speech Communication ** This is a Core course.*
[ARTS 2356](#) – Photography I

* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm your academic and career goals.
2. Meet with a career advisor/coach to research career options with a Photography degree.
3. At the end of the semester, begin researching information at TAMU-Commerce to major in Commercial Photography.

SEMESTER 2

Total Hours: 15

[ENGL 1302](#) – Composition II *This is a Core course.*
[ARTS 1303](#) – Art History I *This is a Core course.*
[ARTS 1311](#) – Design I
[SOCI 1301](#) – Introduction to Sociology ** This is a Core course.*
[ARTS 2357](#) – Photography II

* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to request an official program of study audit and confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study.
2. Ask about your options for transferring to TAMU-Commerce to pursue a bachelor's degree.

SEMESTER 3

Total Hours: 16

[GOVT 2305](#) – Federal Government *This is a Core course.*

[PHYS 1401](#) – College Physics I* *This is a Core course.*

STUDIO LIGHTING ELECTIVE**

[HIST 1301](#) – United States History I *This is a Core course.*

[ARTS 2313](#) – Design Communications I

* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

** Studio Lighting Elective: North Lake recommends ARTS 2311 Design III (Photo Business); Richland recommends ARTS 2389 Academic Cooperative (Studio Lighting).
OPTION: A student interested in Photography but unable to take either of the lighting classes needs to take PHO 210 Introduction to Studio Lighting at TAMU-Commerce and take any ARTS 2311 Design III (Advanced Photography) or any ARTS class as an elective.

SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS

1. Begin applying to TAMU-Commerce
2. Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships.
You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. (*i.e., in October 2021, you can complete the FAFSA if you plan to register for classes at TAMU-Commerce Fall 2022*)
3. Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.

SEMESTER 4

Total Hours: 14

[GOVT 2306](#) – Texas Government *This is a Core course.*

[PHYS 1402](#) – College Physics II* *This is a Core course.*

[PHED 1164](#) – Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness* *This is a Core course.*

[HIST 1302](#) – United States History II* *This is a Core course.*

[PHIL 1301](#) – Introduction to Philosophy* *This is a Core course.*

* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

SEMESTER 4 ACTION ITEMS

1. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with your advisor to apply for the Associate of Arts degree.
2. Sign up for commencement.
3. Request final transcripts to be sent to TAMU-Commerce.
4. Join the [Alumni Network!](#)

PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS