

Photography | Bachelor's Degree

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEAR
ADVANCE your academic journey	Meet with a First Year Advisor to develop your academic planning. Explore majors with a MyMajors assessment. Take advantage of the Student Learning Assistance Center (Tutoring). Adopt your University Seminar US1100 learning as key for first year success. Explore the Honors program.	Meet with the College of Fine Arts and Communications Advising Center for questions about your major. Share your knowledge as a Peer Mentor or Tutor at SLAC. Explore Campus Resources for academic and personal support. Meet with a faculty mentor to select an undergraduate research opportunity.	Check your Degree Audit & meet with your academic advisor. Explore next steps including potential Fine Arts graduate programs. Complement your degree with a micro credential. Meet with a faculty mentor or peer advisor. Complete your thesis project in preparation for your final exhibition.
EXPAND your personal and social development	Review your degree plan for courses that include the Service-Learning Excellence program. Begin expanding your student experience by joining Middle Grey or another Art and Design student organization. Find additional events and organizations through the Bobcat Organization HUB. Explore the Study in America for ARTH 2301 in New York City and other Study in America programs. Attend financial literacy workshops (e.g., budgeting, student loans, taxes).	Sharpen your leadership by attending a professional photography conference or virtual meeting with an organization such as the Society for Photographic Education or College Art Association of America. Explore opportunities such as the Fulbright Scholarship and Education Abroad programs, including the School of Art and Design's specially tailored faculty-led study abroad programs. Discover Global Online Learning Experiences for courses with culturally dynamic perspectives. Participate in The Big Event to give back to the regional community.	Select a service activity through Student Involvement to give back to the area community. Seek out a leadership role with the Leadership & Service program. Attend a Student Government Senate meeting to contribute to the TXST community. Revisit financial literacy workshops (e.g., budgeting, student loans, taxes).
ENRICH your practical competence	Connect your schedule to the TXST Galleries each semester to attend exhibitions, workshops, artist lectures, and more. Explore scholarship, employment, and internships on the Art and Design Opportunities webpage. Attend an IDEA Center workshop to learn more about undergraduate research. Visit Alkek 1 in Alkek Library and the Art and Design Media Innovation Lab to learn about maker spaces and digital technologies you can use for your class and personal projects.	Learn the Photography internship policies before taking the major's internship course. Connect with Photography faculty to identify an appropriate internship opportunity. Join likeminded TXST students of the Middle Grey Photography Association found in the HUB. Prepare for future portfolio building by attending at professional photography contest such as Texas Professional Photographers Association.	Learn about Global Career Accelerator options that give you experience with global companies and in-demand tech skills. Deliver a presentation in a student conference, workshop, seminar or community organization. Create an exhibition of your artwork with your peers.
ELEVATE your career and professional life	Complete your Career Assessments, such as Focus2. Create your Handshake profile. Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with colleagues and leaders. Develop and review your resume with Career Services. Build a website to showcase your artwork.	Develop your resume with the help of the professionals at Career Services. Build Career & Graduate School Fairs into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities. Prepare to ace your job interviews with Career Services or your academic department. Continue to update your website showcasing your artwork and academic achievements.	Develop a full-time employment or graduate school plan with Career Services. Attend employer info sessions at Career Services. Complete your First Destination Survey to share your post-graduation plans. Identify faculty and professional references for future applications and opportunities. Update your website showcasing your artwork and academic achievements.

OUTCOMES

Marketable Skills

- Think critically
- Analyze and solve problems
- Communicate clearly and effectively
- Collaboration
- Cultural awareness
- Fluency in imaging technology
- Thinking creatively
- Visual literacy

[See more marketable skills for this major](#)

Experiences in Photography

The photography major offers a broad spectrum of historically informed course work to provide a rigorous and supportive environment. Students investigate all aspects of the medium and garner the essential technical skills necessary to establish their own personal voices. After seven core classes ranging from traditional darkroom, to advanced digital, to readings in photography, each student participates in a two-semester thesis capstone. During these two final courses students generate a professional caliber body of work culminating in a portfolio and exhibition. With an emphasis on individual artistic development, visual literacy, and critical inquiry, our program prepares well-informed, thoughtful, and highly skilled graduates. The student experience may include membership in student organizations, internships, study abroad, and participation in a wide variety of events.

Career Opportunities

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| Photographer | Camera operator |
| Photo editor | Lab technician |
| Photojournalist | Gallery ownership |
| Educator | Arts administration |
| Promotions | Curator |
| Private instruction | Conservator |
| Events photographer | Archivist |
| Commercial photographer | Librarian |
| Self-employed | Graphic design |
| Photographer | Videographer |
| | Website production |
| | Magazine production |