

Visual Art, BFA (Photography Concentration)

University of Kansas

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| Johnson County Community College Transfer Program to the University of Kansas | College Undergraduate Academic Services |
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Program Description

The Associate of Fine Arts degree, AFA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) at JCCC is general transfer degree and partner well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AFA may select courses that satisfy the AFA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AFA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

- The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Art is a four-year, 120 credit hour degree program, including 45 junior/senior hours (courses numbered 300 or higher), 30 of these 45 junior/senior hours must be taken in residence at KU. In addition to the 10-hour foundations requirement, a minimum of 51 hours in departmental courses is required, including 2 semesters of Senior Seminar (except the Visual Art Education concentration.)
- The Photography concentration requires 76 hours with a minimum of 15 junior/senior hours in the major, and a minimum of 15 major hours in residence.
- A maximum of 75 hours may be transferred to KU from community colleges. Note: community college courses do not transfer as junior/senior hours.
- The Department of Visual Art reserves the right to retain examples of student work and to use images of student work on internet websites and for university publication purposes.

Admission Requirements

- In order to be considered for Departmental Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Scholarships, a portfolio and three essay questions must be submitted via the KU Application Status Portal (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo2.ku.edu%2Fapply%2Fstatus&data=05%7C02%7Cdshirle4%40jccc.edu%7Cd26ac850b556470458b108debf6b919%7C15244239dcf245e7aefd127b69fc5438%7C1%7C0%7C639159263548997242%7CUnknown%7CTWFpGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIslAIiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIlIdUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YgYii1hAsKZ6zp7y2Lw1cG8TtTK9Srx5E3YjLMBNHkY%3D&reserved=0>). Visit Transfer Admission application materials (<https://art.ku.edu/undergraduate-admissions>) for additional Admission information.
- All entering students in Visual Arts are required to participate in a foundation curriculum offered through the Foundations program before enrolling in advanced art or design studio courses. The first-year foundations courses for the B.F.A. degree includes 10 hours of foundations studio, 6 hours of English, and 6 hours of Art History coursework. Refer to the Foundations courses requirement below.
- Students transferring to KU, that complete the General Education requirements required for the Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-science/>) degree from JCCC will be considered to have satisfied KU's Core 34 general education curriculum.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

AFA Degree Requirements for BFA Visual Art with a concentration in Photography

First semester at JCCC (16-18 hours)

| Course Code Code | Course Title Title | Course Hours | Transfer Code Hours | Transfer Title | Transfer Hours |
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| Select one of the following: | | | | | |
| ENGL 119 | College Composition I with Review * (English SGE Bucket #1) | 5 | ENGL 101 | Composition | 3 |
| OR | | | | | |
| ENGL 121 | Composition I * (English SGE Bucket #1) | 3 | ENGL 101 | College English I | 3 |
| COMS 120 | Interpersonal Communication (Communications SGE Bucket #2) | 3 | COMS 144 | Interpersonal Communication | 3 |
| ART 130 | Drawing I (Cavalier Credit Bucket #7) | 3 | ART 101 | Drawing I | 3 |
| ART 124 | Design 2D (Arts Humanities SGE Bucket #6) | 3 | ART 103 | 2-D Design | 3 |
| ART 199 | Fine Arts Symposium (AFA Elective) | 1 | ART 105 Visual Art Seminar | | |
| ARTH 180 | Art History: Ancient to Medieval (Cultural Diversity and AFA Elective) | 3 | HA 150 | Hist Western Art: Ancient-Medi | 3 |

Second semester at JCCC (12 hours)

| Course Code Code | Course Title Title | Course Hours | Transfer Code Hours | Transfer Title | Transfer Hours |
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| ENGL 122 | Composition II * (English SGE Bucket #1) | 3 | ENGL 102 | Critical Reading and Writing | 3 |
| ART 131 | Drawing II * (AFA Elective) | 3 | ART 102 | Drawing II | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | | | | |
| PHOT 124 | Digital Photography (AFA Elective) | 3 | PHOT 200 Foundations in Photography: Digital | | |
| OR | | | | | |
| PHOT 200 | Foundations in Photography (AFA Elective) | 3 | PHOT 205 Foundations in Photography: Darkroom | | |
| ARTH 182 | Art History: Renaissance to Modern (AFA Elective) | 3 | HA 151 | Hist Western Art: Ren-Contemp | 3 |

Third semester at JCCC (16-17 hours)

| Course Code Code | Course Title Title | Course Hours | Transfer Code Hours | Transfer Title | Transfer Hours |
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| MATH 151 | Contemporary Mathematics * (Math and Statistics SGE Bucket #3) | 3 | MATH 105 | Intro Quantitative Reasoning | 3 |
| ARTH 188 | History of Photography (Cavalier Credit Bucket #7) | 3 | HA 380 | History of Photography | 3 |
| PHOT 203 | Photography I: The View Camera * (AFA Elective) | 3 | PHOT 303 Photography I: View Camera | | |

Natural and Physical Sciences (4-5 hours): Visit the AFA Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) for course options. (Natural and Physical Sciences SGE Bucket #4)

Visual Art Studio (3 hours): Refer to JCCC Approved Courses to satisfy KU's Visual Art Studio (Major Requirement) table below. (AFA Elective)

Fourth Semester at JCCC (12 hours)

| Course Code Code | Course Title Title | Course Hours | Transfer Code Hours | Transfer Title | Transfer Hours |
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| PHOT 204 | Photography II: Color and Digital Photography * (AFA Elective) | 3 | PHOT 304 Photography II: Color Digital | | |
| FMS 200 | Intro to Filmmaking and Media Aesthetics (Arts and Humanities SGE Bucket #6) | 3 | Visual Art Studio - FMS 200 Film and Media Aesthetics | | |

Social and Behavior Science SGE Bucket #5 (6 hours total) - Visit the AFA Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) for course options.+

JCCC Approved Courses to satisfy KU's Visual Art Studio (Major Requirement)

| Course Code Code | Course Title Title | Course Hours | Transfer Code Hours | Transfer Title | Transfer Hours |
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| FMS 274 | Fundamentals of Expanded Media | 3 | EXM 274 Expanded Media | | |
| PHOT 223 | Studio and Lighting Photography * | 3 | No KU equivalent, but counts as PHOT U Studio and Lighting Photography | | |
| PHOT 224 | Experimental Processes * | 3 | No KU equivalent, but counts as PHOT U Experimental Processes | | |

* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

+ Social and Behavior Science SGE Bucket #5 requires two courses from two different disciplines for a total of 6 hours.