Area of Interest: Arts and Design

Photography
Ontario College Diploma
2 Years
Ottawa Campus

Academic Year: 2018/2019
Program Code: 0030X01FWO

Our Program
This two-year Ontario College Diploma program trains students to capture, create and alter still and motion images, demonstrating a professional level of craft and creativity in digital imaging. Digital knowledge and skills are integrated with the fundamentals of image making to emphasize the creation of still and motion work that communicate effectively and meet the needs of clients.

Students create a state of the art portfolio, as well as a personal website, using high-end digital cameras to capture professional quality work that demonstrates their creative or technical skills and abilities. Studios are equipped with up-to-date continuous and flash lighting systems, lighting booms, soft-boxes and professional backdrops.

Algonquin’s networked, post-production computer labs are equipped with external monitors, scanners, wide format ink-jet and solvent printers, viewing booths, mounting press and colour management systems which allow for the production of high-quality images using industry standard software.

Although this program is quite technical, students are encouraged to showcase their creative visual talents while designing and capturing work that communicates effectively.

Entrepreneurship, networking skills, branding and marketing are taught in conjunction with modern business practices. Students also complete two weeks of fieldwork, gaining valuable practical and networking experience. The program of study culminates with a professional exhibition of student work to which potential employers and industry representatives are invited.

Students are trained on a Mac OS platform, the industry standard in the field of still and motion production. As this is a mandatory laptop program, ownership of a Mac laptop that meets the program’s minimum hardware and software specifications is required. PC platforms are not compatible with the software, hardware and photographic equipment used in the program.

SUCCESS FACTORS
This program is well-suited for students who:

• Are self-motivated, personable and well-organized.
• Enjoy the technical nature of photography.
• Have an aptitude for computer technology.
• Are creative.
• Have a keen sense of entrepreneurship.

Employment
Graduates may find work as photographers in a variety of areas including: commercial and industrial; wedding and portrait; scientific and medical; photojournalism; digital post-production; photofinishing labs; and technical or retail sales. Opportunities may exist to work in the field either as an employee or as a self-employed freelancer.

Learning Outcomes
The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

• Select and use appropriate photographic equipment and techniques to capture quality images of a variety of subjects, in studio and on location.

• Use post-production techniques to edit and finish images in formats that meet industry standards and the needs of the client.

• Create lighting schemes using appropriate techniques, equipment, and accessories to produce quality images that meet the needs of the client.

• Employ design elements and principles to plan and create visually sound images.

• Complete all work in a professional and ethical manner and in accordance with legal requirements applicable to the photography industry.

• Develop strategies to maintain currency with evolving photography trends, issues, technologies and industry practices to enhance work performance and guide professional development.

• Select and use digital asset management tools and strategies to catalogue, store, back up, retrieve and archive images and prints.

• Use business planning and administrative skills to support and maintain a photography business.

• Use a variety of marketing tools and strategies that effectively promote photographic products and services.

• Develop and present a professional portfolio that illustrates one`s creative approach and image conception, capture, editing and production skills.

• Identify and apply discipline-specific practices that contribute to the local and global community through social responsibility, economic commitment, and environmental stewardship.

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Fees for the 2018/2019 Academic Year

Program fees listed are for the 2018/2019 Academic Year.

Total Level 01 program fees are $4,484.90 as detailed below:

Program Fees:
- Tuition: $2,455.63
- Program Ancillary: $ 50.00

Compulsory Ancillary Fees:
- Student Activity: $ 217.37
- Sports: $ 72.63
- Technology: $ 159.62
- Transcript: $ 20.00
- Health Services: $ 20.00
- Student Experience: $ 18.00
- Program Material Fee: $ 900.00
- Health Plan: $ 153.19 *
- U-Pass: $ 415.04 *
- U-Pass Admin: $ 3.42 *

* Assessed once annually at the beginning of each academic year.

International students pay all fees listed above (excluding the Health Plan fee) plus:
- International Premium: $4,577.00
- International Health Insurance: $ 696.00

Fees are subject to change.

For further fees information please visit: [http://www.algonquincollege.com/ro](http://www.algonquincollege.com/ro).

Books and supplies cost approximately $1,300 in the first year and $900 in the second year. In the first year, students need to purchase a Macintosh laptop computer and software.

Admission Requirements for the 2019/2020 Academic Year

College Eligibility
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent. Applicants with an OSSD showing senior English and/or Mathematics courses at the Basic Level, or with Workplace or Open courses, will be tested to determine their eligibility for admission; OR
- Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) certificate; OR
- General Educational Development (GED) certificate; OR
- Mature Student status (19 years of age or older and without a high school diploma at the start of the program). Eligibility may be determined by academic achievement testing for which a fee of $50 (subject to change) will be charged.

Program Eligibility
- English, Grade 12 (ENG4C or equivalent).
• International applicants must provide proof of the subject-specific requirements noted above along with proof of either: (IELTS / TOEFL) IELTS-International English Language Testing Service (Academic) Overall band of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each band; OR TOEFL-Internet-based (iBT) Overall 80, with a minimum of 20 in each component: Reading 20; Listening 20; Speaking 20; Writing 20.

• Applicants with international transcripts must provide proof of the subject specific requirements noted above and may be required to provide proof of language proficiency.

Should the number of qualified applicants exceed the number of available places, applicants will be selected on the basis of their proficiency in English.

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**Application Information**

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Program Code 0030X01FWO

Applications to full-time day programs must be submitted with official transcripts showing completion of the academic admission requirements through:

ontariocolleges.ca
60 Corporate Court
Guelph, Ontario N1G 5J3
1-888-892-2228

Students currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school should notify their Guidance Office prior to their online application at [http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/).

Applications for Fall Term and Winter Term admission received by February 1 will be given equal consideration. Applications received after February 1 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis as long as places are available.

International applicants please visit this link for application process information: [https://algonquincollege.force.com/myACint/](https://algonquincollege.force.com/myACint/).

For further information on the admissions process, contact:

Registrar`s Office
Algonquin College
Photography

1385 Woodroffe Ave, Student Central
Ottawa, ON K2G 1V8
Telephone: 613-727-0002
Toll-free: 1-800-565-4723
TTY: 613-727-7766
Fax: 613-727-7632
Email: AskUs@algonquincollege.com

Additional Information

Students are trained on a Mac OS platform which is the industry standard in the field of photography. PC platforms are not acceptable as they are not compatible with the hardware, software and photographic equipment used in this program.

For information, contact Program Coordinators, Jason Machinski at 613-727-4723 ext. 5813 or machinj@algonquincollege.com, or Denine Wrixon at 613-727-4723 ext. 6119 or wrixond@algonquincollege.com.

Please visit the program website at http://www.algonquinphotography.com/, for more information.

Course Descriptions

DSN2100M Design Thinking

Design Thinking uses a designer mindset to produce business innovations in products and services, with a focus on deep understanding of and empathy with the people who use them. Following a holistic innovation process for an area of interest or organization, students build an initial business case and apply design thinking and creative problem-solving strategies to make innovation a sustainable practice.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

ENL0077 Professional Communication for Photography

Although photography is essentially a visual medium, strong writing and speaking skills are required to explain, defend and promote the photographer's work. Whether one is writing an artist's statement, a business letter, critiquing an image, or participating in a meeting or a job interview, strong writing and speaking skills are required. Through a variety of written and oral activities and assignments, students refine the professional communication abilities needed to complement and promote their photography skills.

Prerequisite(s): ENL1813M
Corerequisite(s): none

ENL1813M Communications I

Communication remains an essential skill sought by employers, regardless of discipline or field of study. Using a practical, vocation-oriented approach, students focus on meeting the requirements of effective communication. Through a combination of lectures, exercises, and independent learning, students practice writing, speaking, reading, listening, locating and documenting information, and using technology to communicate professionally. Students develop and strengthen communication skills that contribute to success in both educational and workplace environments.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

GED0030 General Education Elective

Students choose one course, from a group of general education electives, which meets one of the following five theme requirements: Arts in Society, Civic Life, Social and Cultural Understanding, Personal Understanding, and Science and Technology.
Photography

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8700 Entrepreneurship

Many photographers decide to start and operate their own businesses as a career. Students learn estimating and quoting photographic work in a real world context. Business expense and cost of sales are studied in a variety of photographic ventures to develop a profitable and sustainable profession. Professional copyright legislation and pertinent legal actions are evaluated. Networking and field placement allow students to apply learned skills in a realistic work environment.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8706 Digital Imaging I

Photographers require an understanding of the concepts and tools used in digital imaging. Students learn to work in a mobile environment and are introduced to basic principles of digital imaging using professional editing software and techniques.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8707 Studio II: Portrait

Portrait photography encompasses a large amount of work in the photography industry. Students learn to select and use appropriate camera formats and lighting methods. The focus includes a variation of styles in portraiture and lighting for shape, texture and form. Emphasis is placed on the selection of appropriate techniques, posing and the professional presentation of a portfolio.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8711
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8708 Studio II: Commercial

Understanding proper camera and lighting techniques in commercial photography is imperative in order to attain work in the commercial photography industry. Students learn to select and use the proper camera and lighting techniques to complete studio and location assignments. Through hands-on workshops, the students explore the light, camera and composition techniques used in commercial photography.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8711
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8710 Photographic Theory I

Theoretical knowledge is crucial to understanding the practical elements involved in photography. Basic theoretical information used in contemporary photographic applications is provided. Students learn principles of the visible light spectrum, light metering techniques and optics, and gain a basic understanding of light quality and direction. Students also analyze depth of field, hyperfocal distance, focal length, perspective control and aperture/shutter relationships. Digital sensors and the camera histogram are introduced.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8711 Studio I

Understanding how to use digital SLRs is critical as a photographer. Students learn to use a digital SLR. They select shutter speeds/aperture combinations and appropriate focal length lenses to properly expose and frame their subjects. The use of an incident exposure meters, calculation of light intensity and dynamic range is applied. Students work with a variety of light sources including
daylight and continuous light. Practical assignments deal with camera operation, lighting, metering and exposure techniques.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

**PHO8718 Print I**

A basic knowledge of applied printing techniques is required by most photographers. Students learn the practical aspects of printing digital images, producing proof prints and making enlargements. Students study media, ink, printers and software/hardware combinations needed to produce professional grade prints.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

**PHO8719 History of Photography**

Being able to explore the history of photography from a photographer’s conception to its present day incarnation is critical to a photographer. Students explore the history of photography and examine three avenues of photography; its artistic, social and technical histories. Students study the work of major photographers and artists who have shaped the course of photography. They also examine the impact that photography as a medium has had on society. The history of the technology behind the evolving craft of photography is also covered.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

**PHO8724 Photographic Theory II**

Students continue to explore theoretical principles of light behaviour and control. Students learn about lighting qualities and fundamentals of continuous light and electronic flash systems as they apply to commercial and portrait applications.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8710
Corerequisite(s): none

**PHO8726 Digital II**

Students require digital tools in a variety of software applications. Principles of digital imaging are expanded with a focus on developing a professional portfolio.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8706
Corerequisite(s): none

**PHO8729 Multimedia I**

Understanding the role that video and web applications play in the running of a photographic business is an essential tool for photographers. Multimedia and current web and video applications are introduced. Students learn how to apply their own photographic skills to create dynamic presentations, websites and video.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8706 and PHO8726
Corerequisite(s): none

**PHO8731 Studio III**

Critical thinking in photography is essential in the development of the photographic composition and practical application. Students critique and analyze photographic images to better assist them in the development of a professional portfolio. Students continue to enhance studio lighting skills and to organize and maintain a professional photographic studio.
PHO8736 Visual Perception and Design

Visual communication, composition and the principles of design are the building blocks for creating successful visual images in our media saturated culture. Students are introduced to the basic elements of visual perception and their practical applications. The history of art, visual strategies and the current state of affairs are also discussed.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8741 Studio IV

In order to gain employment and increase client intake in the photographic industry, it is essential to have a portfolio of photographic works. Students select appropriate camera and lighting systems, and develop ideas for a variety of assignments to create a final portfolio of images.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8707 and PHO8708 and PHO8711 and PHO8731
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8749 Digital III

Learning intermediate professional digital applications and processes is essential for professional photographers. Students gain a more advanced understanding of computer use in image processing using various professional software. Theory on input of electronic images is supported by demonstrations and assignments.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8706 and PHO8726
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8753 Multimedia II

Knowledge of video, web and multimedia applications in relation to marketing and branding a photographic business is a necessity for photographers. Building upon acquired multimedia theory and practicum, students learn advanced techniques in the creation of multimedia projects with a specific focus on creating an interactive website. Students learn to incorporate images, graphics, audio, video and animations into their final website, all optimized to run on the web.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8706 and PHO8726 and PHO8729 and PHO8749
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8758 Print IV

Students produce a professional level portfolio under the supervision of faculty. Advanced, practical colour management techniques are covered. A variety of print and display materials are used.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8718 and PHO8760 and PHO8765
Corerequisite(s): none

PHO8759 Digital IV

In keeping with today’s digital technology, photographers must have a variety of advanced digital skills. Photographers, in today’s market, are expected to produce visuals and a wide variety of print and display media. Students further develop and enhance their skills in digital imaging with specific focus on image manipulation, digital compositing, graphic design and layout.

Prerequisite(s): PHO8706 and PHO8726 and PHO8749
Corerequisite(s): none
PHO8760 Print II
Exploring various paper surfaces and medium is essential for photographers in order to service business clients. Students learn the practical aspects of printing digital images at a professional level. Portfolio production with a more advanced study of media, inks, printers and software/hardware combinations is covered.
Prerequisite(s): PHO8718
Corequisite(s): none

PHO8765 Print III
Understanding colour management of printers, monitors and papers is a necessary tool for photographers. Students are able to print images on inkjet printers according to professional standards. They calibrate computer monitors and create colour profiles for printers using industry standard hardware and software. A variety of media types are explored.
Prerequisite(s): PHO8718 and PHO8760
Corequisite(s): none

PHO8766 Field Placement
Students secure and complete a field placement with an approved workplace. This is an opportunity that allows students to apply their learned skills in a realistic work environment. While on field placement, students are supervised and evaluated by employers in conjunction with a faculty advisor. This is a volunteer position; the College precludes payment for field placement.
Prerequisite(s): none
Corequisite(s): none