

2026–2027 Photography Academic Map

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An academic map is a suggested four-year schedule of courses based on degree requirements in the undergraduate catalog. This sample schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each term. Milestones, courses, and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major are designated to keep you on track to graduate in four years. **Missing milestones could delay your program.**

This map is not a substitute for academic advisement—contact your advisor if you have any questions about scheduling or about your degree requirements. Also see the current undergraduate catalog (catalog.mtsu.edu) for a complete list of requirements and electives. *Note: Requirements are continually under revision, and there is no guarantee they will not be changed or revoked; contact the department and/or program area for current information.*



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) for more information about the True Blue Core (TBC).

Suggested Fall/Spring Four-Year Schedule

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
ENGL 1010	3	TBC; Candidacy course	ENGL 1020	3	TBC; Candidacy course
PHOT 1050	3	Grade of B- or better	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
EMC/JOUR/RIM 1020	3	Candidacy course; TBC; Major	Non-Written Communication	3	TBC
Quantitative Literacy	3	TBC; MATH 1010 rec.	ART 1610 or VFP 1080	3	ART 1610 Candidacy course
EMC 1010	1		PHOT 1800	3	Candidacy course
VFP 1060	3				
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
Creativity and Cultural Expression Literature	3	TBC	ART 1030 or ART 1920	3	TBC; Candidacy
VFP 3020, IAM 3060, or JOUR 2710	3	Candidacy course	Human Society and Social Relationships	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
PHOT 2000	3	Offered fall only; grade of B- or better	Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery
PHOT 2500	3	Grade of B- or better	Minor course	3	
PHOT 3200	3	Candidacy course	PHOT 3900	3	Candidacy Course
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	16	File candidacy form
<i>Note: 2.75 GPA required for admission to candidacy.</i>			<i>Note: 2.75 GPA required for admission to candidacy</i>		
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	PHOT 3300	3	
Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Minor course	3	
History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	PHOT 3520 or PHOT 3540	3	
Minor course	3	Upper-division	PHOT 3100	3	Spring only
PHOT 3550	3		PHOT elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
PHOT 4900	3	Fall only	PHOT 4910	3	Prereq: PHOT 4910; spring only
PHOT 4001	3	Fall only	Minor course	3	
EMC/JOUR 4250	3		Minor course/elective	3	
Minor course	3		Elective/Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC
Elective/Human Society and Social Relationships	3	TBC			
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	12	
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					

Photography Suggested Fall/Spring/Summer Four-Year Schedule

You may choose to attend a summer term to reduce your load during fall or spring terms but still stay on track to graduate in four years. Refer to www.mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships for information regarding use of the Lottery Scholarship for the summer term.

NOTE: Learning Support courses will alter the sequences on this map.

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
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ENGL 1010	3	TBC; Candidacy course	ENGL 1020	3	TBC; Candidacy course
PHOT 1050	3	Grade of B- or better	Non-Written Communication	3	TBC
EMC/JOUR/RIM 1020	3	Candidacy course; TBC; Major	ART 1610 or VFP 1080	3	ART 1610 Candidacy course
EMC 1010	1		PHOT 1800	3	Candidacy course
VFP 1060	3				
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	
FRESHMAN SUMMER					
Quantitative Literacy	3	TBC; MATH 1010 rec.	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
VFP 3020, IAM 3060, or JOUR 2710	3	Candidacy course	ART 1030 or ART 1920	3	TBC; Candidacy
PHOT 2000	3	Offered fall only; grade of B- or better	Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery
PHOT 2500	3	Grade of B- or better	Minor course	3	
PHOT 3200	3	Candidacy course	PHOT 3900	3	Candidacy Course
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	13	File candidacy form
<i>Note: 2.75 GPA required for admission to candidacy.</i>			<i>Note: 2.75 GPA required for admission to candidacy</i>		
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
Creativity and Cultural Expression Literature	3	TBC	Human Society and Social Relationships	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	PHOT 3300	3	
Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	PHOT 3520 or PHOT 3540	3	
History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	PHOT 3100	3	Spring only
PHOT 3550	3		PHOT elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	
JUNIOR SUMMER					
Minor course	3		Minor course	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
PHOT 4900	3	Fall only	PHOT 4910	3	Prereq: PHOT 4910; spring only
PHOT 4001	3	Fall only	Minor course	3	
EMC/JOUR 4250	3		Minor course/elective	3	
Minor course	3		Elective/Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC
Elective/Human Society and Social Relationships	3	TBC			
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	12	
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					