



CSN
COLLEGE OF
SOUTHERN NEVADA

Academic Map: BA Visual Media - Photography and Documentary Film Making Area of Specialty

Associate of Arts (A.A.) | 60 Total Credits | CSN Degree Code: ART-AA | Catalog Year: 2025-2026 | For Transfer to NS

Art and Design School of Arts and Letters Department of Fine Arts

Jobs and Employment Information: <https://www.csn.edu/artarea>

DESCRIPTION: The Associate of Arts Degree is a general transfer program for students who are planning to transfer to UNLV, UNR, NS, GBC or another baccalaureate-level institution. Students transferring outside NSHE are advised to select courses that meet the requirements of the transfer institution. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for transfer to NS.

TERM 1 – TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 15

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Pre-Requisite/Co-Requisite</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Milestones and Notes</u>
MATH 120 Fund of College Mathematics	3	C or up in MATH 95/95E; or ACT/SAT/Place Score	GE Math	
ENG 101 Composition I	3	ENG Place Score; or C- and up in ENG 98 or ESL 139	GE ENG Comp	
COM 101 Oral Communication	3	None	GE Humanities	
ART 101 Drawing I	3	None	GE Fine Arts	
Social Science Elect-See an advisor/counselor	3	Depends on course chosen	Social Science Req	

TERM 2 – TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 16

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Pre-Requisite/Co-Requisite</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Milestones and Notes</u>
ENG 102 Composition II	3	ENG 100/101/113 with a C- or up	GE ENG Comp	
ART 107 – Design Fundamentals I (2-D)	3	None	Major Req	
ART 141 Intro to Digital Photography	3	None	Major Elec	
Nat. Science w Lab-See an advisor/counselor	4	Depends on course chosen	GE Nat Science	
ART 260 – Survey of Art History I	3	None	Major Req	

TERM 3 – TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 15

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Pre-Requisite/Co-Requisite</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Milestones and Notes</u>
Nat. Science No Lab-See an advisor/counselor	3	Depends on course chosen	GE Nat Sci	Apply for graduation
PHIL 102 Critical Thinking and Reasoning	3	None	GE Analytical Rea	
ENG 231 or ENG 232	3	ENG 100/101/113 with a C- or up	GE Literature	
ART 142 Intro to Digital Photography II	3	None	Major Elec	
ART 261 – Survey of Art History II	3	None	Major Req	

TERM 4 – TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 14

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Pre-Requisite/Co-Requisite</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Milestones and Notes</u>
PSC 101 or HIST 100	4	None	GE US/NV Const	
Soc Sci Elective - See an advisor/counselor	3	Depends on course chosen	Social Science Req	
ART 298 – Portfolio Emphasis	1	None	Major Req	
General Elective - See an advisor/counselor	3	Depends on course chosen	Major Elec	
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B.A. in Visual Media (Photography/Documentary) | 60 Total Credits | Catalog Year: 2025-2026 | Transfer from CSN with A.A.

DESCRIPTION: The Bachelor of Arts in Visual Media is a unique program in Nevada, designed to help students engage with and thrive in a culture that is increasingly visual and digital. Major Coursework requires a grade of “C-” or higher.

<u>TERM 1 – TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 15</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Pre-Requisite/Co-Requisite</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Milestones and Notes</u>
FILM 100	3	None	Major	
FILM 110	3	None	Major	
VIS 212	3	None	Major	
VIS 213	3	None	Major	Fall only
VIS 214	3	ART 141 or VIS 150	Major	Fall only
<u>TERM 2 – TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 15</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Pre-Requisite/Co-Requisite</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Milestones and Notes</u>
FILM 400	3	ENG 102	Major	Spring only
VIS 215	3	None	Major	Spring only
VIS 253	3	None	Major	Spring only
VIS 355	3	ART 142 or VIS 250 or instructor approval.	Major	Spring only
VIS 390	3	Junior status	Major	Spring only
<u>TERM 3 – TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 15</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Pre-Requisite/Co-Requisite</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Milestones and Notes</u>
VIS 300	3	None	Major	Fall only - Apply for graduation
VIS 315	3	VIS 212	Major	Fall only
VIS 491	3	VIS 390 and Instructor Consent	Major	Fall only
ADDITIONAL HISTORY, THEORY, CRITICISM	3	Depends on course chosen	Major	
Visual Media Elective	3	Depends on course chosen	Major	
<u>TERM 4– TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 15</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Pre-Requisite/Co-Requisite</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Milestones and Notes</u>
ART 475	3	None	Major	Spring only
VIS 311	3	None	Major	Spring only
VIS 313	3	VIS 115 and VIS 212	Major	Spring only
VIS 492	3	VIS 491	Major	Spring only
Visual Media Elective	3	Depends on course chosen	Major	

*Consult advisor for course sequencing. Some courses may only be offered in specific semesters.

*VIS 115 will be waived for transfer students who have already satisfied their Core Natural Science requirements.

*See advisor and/or catalog for approved Visual Media Electives.

*Link to NS Catalog for elective course options, program information and course pre-requisites: [Nevada State Catalog](#)