

BFA in Media Arts Production: Photography BFA Option

What is it?

VMA students have a choice to apply to the Photography BFA Option as part of the existing BFA in Media Arts Production. This offering has all the same requirements as the traditional BFA with the main difference being that students accepted into this program will be required to enroll in two consecutive semesters of VM 492 Photo Practicum for their capstone experience rather than the traditional BFA Production Workshop. BFA seats are limited, so applications into the program will be reviewed by committee and selected based on the merit of the highest quality work/proposals. Accepted students will have the opportunity to concentrate on a single photographically based project over the course of an entire academic year, and receive \$500 in VMA funding to complete their work.

What are the requirements?

Any VMA student who is eligible to apply to the traditional BFA is also eligible to apply under the Photography BFA Option. The same traditional BFA completion requirements of 16 additional production credits, made up of +8 cr. for a capstone (VM 492), and +8 cr. of advanced production courses, will also remain in place for this option.

<u>Grade Point Average:</u>	3.0 (is required to apply and must be maintained to continue in the program)
<u>Academic Standing:</u>	64 cr. completed (are required to apply as a VMA student with Junior standing)
<u>BFA Timing:</u>	Begin as a 2nd sem. Junior, or 1st sem. Senior (and apply in the prior semester)
<u>VM 492 Prerequisite:</u>	VM365, or VM366, or VM369 (in order to enroll in VM 492 Photo Practicum)

When are the deadlines?

<u>Online applications begin:</u>	9/25/20
<u>Deadline to apply:</u>	10/23/20
<u>Notification of application status:</u>	10/26/20
<u>Registration begins for Spring 2020:</u>	11/10/20

What should I prepare?

Start with a short written proposal for a single project and a cohesive digital portfolio of your 20 best still images. Up to 10 minutes of video can be submitted, but only if it is relevant to your proposal. You should also prepare an initial budget of estimated costs for your proposed project.

How do I apply?

Use your Emerson login to access ecampus.emerson.edu/programs and click the link titled: “**BFA Photography: 2021-Spring**”. If you are logged on and meet the requirements above, the application will be available to you. Just be sure to complete the online form before the application deadline!

Who do I contact if I have more questions?

For general questions about course planning for the BFA program, please meet with your Academic Advisor. For info about the Photo BFA Option: Camilo_Ramirez@emerson.edu & Lauren_Shaw@emerson.edu