



BFA PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

Students in the BFA Photography Department are immersed in all aspects of commercial and fine art photography, giving them a better understanding of various genres, ideas and vocabularies. With access to cutting-edge facilities—as well as a 100-plus faculty of photographers, museum directors, critics, art directors, photo editors and photography collectors—students are able to cultivate their own sensibility and visual style.

In the first year, photography students enroll in the Foundation Symposium. Looking at photography as a conceptual as well as a contextual medium, students work in five-week segments, exploring video; photography and commerce; photography as a language; business fundamentals for photographers; photography as social conscience; and photography as object. Students are encouraged to challenge the conventions of photography, creating thought-provoking and persuasive images that lead to a cohesive thesis project in the senior year.

2011 – 2012 student population

556 matriculated students

Department chair

Stephen Frailey, photographer

Some notable faculty members

Josef Astor, Fia Backstrom, Tanyth Berkeley, Susan Bright, Alix Browne, Elinor Carucci, Jessica Craig-Martin, Tracy Doyle, Michael Foley, W.M. Hunt, Marcia Lippman, Joseph Maida, Lesley Martin, Jim Moffat, Carlos Motta, Laurel Nakadate, Barbara Pollack, Lyle Rexer, Jordan Schaps, Billy Sullivan, Gerry Vezzuso, Linda Yablonsky

Some notable alumni

Guy Aroch, Tracey Baran, Tom Baril, John Dugdale, Brian Finke, Simen Johan, Justine Kurland, Carrie Levy, Frank W. Ockenfels 3, Orit Raff, Reed and Rader, Lorna Simpson, Jonathan Torgovnik, Andrew Zuckerman

Student exhibitions

Each year, selected seniors participate in the Mentors program and exhibition. Each student is paired with one of the city's leading photographers, photo editors or creative professionals, based upon the mentor's area of expertise and the student's concentration. Students are offered additional opportunities to exhibit work at one of the three campus galleries operated by SVA; departmental and juried shows are held throughout the year.

For further information, visit our Web site at www.sva.edu.