DEVELOP YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER

The BFA in Photography at BHSU offers many opportunities to students interested in all aspects of the art form. The photography emphasis offers both basic and advanced black-and-white photography, color photography, digital imaging, photojournalism, and contemporary issues classes. For photography majors, other courses include basic and advanced studio lighting, the history of photography, and alternative silver and digital processes. The photography program at BHSU is also acclaimed for:

- AWARD WINNING AND INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FACULTY
  - Steve Babbitt: Fine art, landscape, law, darkroom printing & techniques
  - Jerry Rawlings: Advertising, studio, commercial, photojournalism
  - Skott Chandler: Digital, Video, Photoshop & Lightroom, Inkjet printing

- THE FINEST PHOTOGRAPHY DARKROOM FACILITIES IN THE REGION
- STATE OF THE ART 3,000 SQ. FT. STUDIO WITH CYCLORAMA
- PHOTOGRAPHY CERTIFICATE AND MINOR OFFERED

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

» Artist
» Photographer
  - Portrait/wedding
  - Advertising/fashion
  - Documentary
  - Architectural/industrial
  - Studio product
  - Social media content
» Videographer
 » Video Editor
 » Photojournalist
 » Digital Image technician
 » Creative Director
 » Museum Gallery Photo Archivist

JEREMIAH WATT

Jeremiah Watt creates visual stories and advertising for brands such as Patagonia, Sage Fly Rods, Outdoor Research, Eddie Bauer, and Yeti. As an internationally recognized adventure photographer, BHSU alum Watt credits the University’s photography program as, “the solid foundation that gave me a launching pad for my career.”
A BROAD EXPOSURE

BHSU is equipped with the finest darkroom and digital imaging facilities. With three black and white or color labs, a film developing area, and an imaging lab, BHSU has the best program in South Dakota and the surrounding region. The digital imaging lab is complete with multiple Mac computers, scanners, and various large format and desktop printing stations. Students also have access to a 3,000+ square foot commercial studio with a cyclorama and a new alternative silver and digital printing lab. Students can further their exposure to the photography industry through:

THE LATEST IN TECHNOLOGY... Drone photography is taking the photographic world by storm. BHSU now offers a course in drone photography with the latest in technology. In this course, not only will you learn how to properly use and control a drone, but also about the rules, regulations, and laws surrounding the use of drones.

CUTTING EDGE CLASSES... In the ever-changing photographic industry, DSLR videography has become a must-know. The BHSU Bachelor of Fine Arts photography program now offers MCOM/Art 462: Advanced Photography Projects. In this course, students learn the art of film and video creation, editing, file management, and color grading.

EXCELLENT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES... Students in the photography program have interned with worldwide companies such as Untamed Photography, the Minnesota Twins, Healing Haiti, Walt Disney World, and H.H. Brown Footwear. BHSU also offers local opportunities for internships with companies such as the Rapid City Rush, the Dahl Arts Center, and the Historic Black Hills Studios.

CANON SPONSORSHIP

The BHSU Bachelor of Fine Arts photography program is proud to have Canon USA as a sponsor. Through Canon’s generous support BHSU photography students have the opportunity to use the latest camera equipment and digital printers available. Canon also sends a Canon Explorer of Light to our campus to give presentations and interact with our students.

EXPAND YOUR EXPERIENCE

Students in the BHSU photography program can expand their classroom experience through various opportunities:

TRAVEL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

At BHSU students have the opportunity to study abroad through faculty-led trips such as the photography department’s recent trip to Iceland in 2019. BHSU students have also traveled to photograph the Solar Eclipse and have taken trips to Utah to photograph the southwestern landscapes. Studying abroad or in the field, will expand their world by providing opportunities for students to experience another culture while receiving a globalized education in photography.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITIONS

A foundational belief of the BHSU photography program is that students must exhibit their work as artists/photographers. For that reason, all students in the BHSU photography program will have the opportunity to participate in exhibitions at various campus galleries, photography competitions.

SHUTTERBUZZ CLUB

BHSU photography club, Shutterbuzz, focuses on promoting the appreciation for the art of photography while connecting with the community around us. Shutterbuzz activities range from photographic excursions to raising money to help feed the hungry in our community. All students at Black Hills State University are welcome and encouraged to join us whether you have a top of the line DSLR camera or a cell phone.

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