

BFA Mandatory Requirements | *Petition to Graduate*

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The purpose of the petition to graduate portfolio review is to discuss your future plans and help select the final classes that best suit your portfolio. As a Photography Major, you are expected to begin building your portfolio in your first semester and constantly review, improve and replace the work in your portfolio with your most recent work that best demonstrates the variety of skills and creativity you have developed.

To obtain *approval* of your petition to graduate, you will need a portfolio review. Sign up early as appointment slots are limited. A delayed appointment may result in a delayed graduation date. Be prepared to answer questions regarding your future and desired career as a photographer.

Graduating BFA students should be prepared to show two types of portfolios:

Web Portfolio: Students are required to have a website upon graduation. There are many ways to create a website of your work. Below are two good options to get this completed.

- PH388 Web Design for Photographers. Many students take this class in their last year of the program.
- Livebooks is an affordable and professional solution. Ask for student rates. www.livebooks.com.
- A resume
- List of goals for immediately after graduation (and clearly delineated steps to accomplish them)
- A business card and/or sample promo piece
- A well-written bio or artist statement (could be on website)
- **Print Portfolio:** Students are required to have a print portfolio. This must contain at least 12 prints.
- Below are links to possible vendors for your physical portfolio book that will hold your prints.
 - House of Portfolios <http://www.houseofportfolios.com/>
 - Lost Luggage <http://www.lost-luggage.com/store/home.php>
- **Note:** Please provide your Academic Advising Report (obtain from your advisor)

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