



## **RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**

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### **Photography Course for High School Students Offered Friday Nights at Ramapo College**

MAHWAH, N.J. – High school juniors and seniors are invited to enroll in Ramapo College's new *Introduction to Photography* pre-college course that begins this fall. Enrollees who successfully complete the course earn three (3) Ramapo College academic credits that are also transferable as elective credit at most higher education institutions. The course runs Friday evenings, September 8-December 15, 2017 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Ramapo College's state-of-the-art Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts.

This specially created photography course for high school students combines the foundational skills taught in a sampling of 200 level Visual Arts courses that are required in Ramapo College's Photography concentration. Working hands-on in the Shooting Studio, and in the Darkroom and Digital Lab, students in this broad-based course receive a solid foundation in film, digital and studio photography. Students also learn to edit images in Photoshop.

Class time incorporates three teaching methods: monitored studio time, group critiques, and class lectures on photography themes and history. The course structure is designed to encourage students to thrive on creativity and participation. Students are asked to arrive each week eager to learn new skills and provide one another with constructive feedback to enhance learning. No prior photography experience is required.

Successful completion of this course supports college applications by showing that students are able to complete college level work. This course appears on a student's college transcript and, with a grade of "C" or better, earns students three (3) credits at Ramapo College. Most higher education institutions will also accept the course as transfer credit (check with individual institutions).

The course instructor is Adjunct Professor of Photography, Eva Fazzari, a New Jersey-based artist and educator who serves as Ramapo College's Photography Lab Supervisor. Her past group exhibitions include *Some Place Like Home* at Daniel Cooney Fine Art, *Pause* at Foley Gallery and *Photography Sampler, Ramapo* at Ramapo College of New Jersey. She received her Master of Fine Arts degree from Pratt Institute in 2009 and participated in Pratt's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium. She was the recipient of the *Pratt Circle Award for Distinction and Excellence in Academic Achievement*. In 2016, her series, *Freeway*, documenting canine freedom transport, received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Editor's Choice Awards at CENTER in New Mexico and a Director's Choice Award at Midwest Center for Photography in Kansas. In 2017, her series, *From Ashes*, documenting burnt homes and people displaced by fire, was also exhibited at Foley Gallery.

Registration and payment for the *Introduction to Photography* pre-college course must be completed online and is requested by August 31. A parking pass will be emailed. The cost of attendance is \$1,395 for in-state students and \$2,238 for out-of-state students. There is a \$42 registration fee that covers lab supplies such as light sensitive photographic paper, Inkjet paper, 35mm film, film for Polaroid, and hand toning materials. Register and make credit card payment at [www.ramapo.edu/cipl/photographycollege](http://www.ramapo.edu/cipl/photographycollege).

The Ramapo College of New Jersey pre-college programs for high school students are directed by the College's Center for Innovative and Professional Learning (CIPL). CIPL supports postgraduate professional education, workforce development, and alternative learning. The Center also engages in internal and external educational partnerships to advance the College, and provides innovative continuous learning opportunities for community members of all ages.

For more information, please visit [www.ramapo.edu/cipl/photographycollege](http://www.ramapo.edu/cipl/photographycollege) or contact the Ramapo College Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at [cipl@ramapo.edu](mailto:cipl@ramapo.edu) or at 201-684-7370.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top in the Best Regional Public Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes viewed as a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,000 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers eight graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.