

NON-CREDIT: DARKROOM TECHNIQUES

Program Description

Aligned with the mission of the Foothill College Photography Department, the noncredit Certificate of Completion in Darkroom Techniques offers a clear sequence of courses that develop both creative vision and technical proficiency while preparing students for career pathways in commercial and fine art photography. As the photographic industry becomes increasingly digital, there has been renewed demand from clients, galleries, and creative industries for photographers with strong film-based skills and darkroom expertise. Students learn to work with analog cameras and black and white film while developing competencies in film processing, darkroom printing, and archival printmaking. The program emphasizes craftsmanship, critical thinking, and professional workflow, while encouraging students to create thoughtful photographic projects. Graduates gain specialized skills highly valued in creative studios, galleries, museums, and media environments, and are prepared for full-time or freelance employment.

Learn more about the program at the [Photography website](#).

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to apply visual literacy and critical thinking skills to analyze and evaluate photographic images and processes.
- Students will be able to demonstrate technical proficiency in analog camera operation, including exposure control and film handling.
- Students will be able to process and print black and white film using industry-standard, archival darkroom techniques.
- Students will be able to produce a portfolio of darkroom-based photographic work that reflects technical competence, craftsmanship, and personal vision.

Award Type(s)

- CC = Certificate of Completion

Hours Required

- Certificate(s): 288

Certificate Requirements

Darkroom Techniques Certificate of Completion

- Hours: 288 [Non-Transcriptable]

Code	Title	Units
PHOT 405	INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY NONCREDIT	72
PHOT 407A	DARKROOM I NONCREDIT	72
PHOT 407B	DARKROOM II NONCREDIT	72
PHOT 407C	DARKROOM III NONCREDIT	72
Total Hours		288