Photography

ART 255
Introduction to Black and White Film and Darkroom Photography

This analog, film-based course introduces students to 35mm-camera basics and black-and-white wet lab procedures for darkroom photography. Students will be introduced to and utilize the photogram, pinhole camera, 35mm cameras, black and white darkroom techniques, metering, film development, retouching, fiber printing and final presentation strategies. In addition, we will examine historic precedents and contemporary photographic issues through readings, informal lectures, discussions, and experimentation, synthesizing into a self-organized final project. This course introduces and expands students’ understanding of photographic aesthetic, historical, and contemporary work, while exposing them to relevant issues and concerns of the medium. As a lab-based practice, film photography embodies the process of experimentation, trial and error, leading to a nuanced understanding of failure and success in the study of images made with light.

No Prerequisites
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This course counts towards the Photo Minor