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## *Expand Your Darkroom Skills*

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### **Course Description**

For eight weeks, learn to refine your black & white darkroom skills with instruction in film processing, printing with contrast filters, split-filter printing, and cropping/positioning for artful presentations. We will also explore techniques such as the Sabattier process. We will work on honing your skills to produce beautiful exhibitions quality prints. Consider a local art show for your work, or build a portfolio you have already started.

### **Session Goals**

Students who complete this 8-week course will:

- Process their own traditional B&W film.
- Print B&W silver-gelatin prints in a traditional wet darkroom.
- Understand using contrast grade filters to improve the tonal range of their fine art prints.
- Gain a working knowledge of the traditional silver-gelatin B&W photographic process.
- Understand cropping, and positioning of the image on paper for more artful presentations.
- Learn expanded printing techniques such as split-filter, Sabattier, and combination printing.
- Have an opportunity to nurture a personal creative vision.

### **Supplies**

**35mm manual camera with at least a 50mm lens. Estimated cost for a used camera/lens is \$150-\$250.**

Paper – One package of 8x10 multi-grade RC paper (25-sheets). Choose any surface – glossy, matte, or pearl. Do not open the paper! The paper will be ruined if exposed to white light. We will discuss proper handling of light sensitive paper. Over 8 weeks you might use more, so consider a 50-sheet box for approx. \$60.00. A 25-sheet pack is approx. \$40.00. A 100-sheet pack approx. \$100 - \$140.

Pen/Notebook for class notes/field notes	\$8.00
Canned air or Rocket Air Blaster	\$14.00 - \$20.00
Ilford Anti-Static Cloth	\$14.00
Disposable latex Gloves (NO POWDER)	\$15.00 on average

Film of choice: TMAX, Tri-X, Ilford HP5, FP4 (we will discuss first)      Depending on brand, and 24 vs. 36 exposures, film can run approx. \$8.99 - \$14.99 per roll.

Hand towel from home      \$0

Apron or old smock from home      \$0

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Total estimated cost, excluding camera purchase, \$125.00 - \$200.00, depending on how much/which brand film the student might purchase/shoot

Please email the instructor with any questions regarding supplies.

**Local camera stores carry *some* of the photographic items and offer a student discount:**

Cameraworks – 5030 N. Academy Blvd. (Academy & Union) 719-594-6966

Mike's Camera – 5420 N. Academy Blvd. (Academy & Montbello) 719-597-1575

Denver Pro Photo – 8136 S. Grant Way Littleton, CO 80122 – 303-689-1790

**Recommended Internet/mail order stores:**

Freestyle Photographic Supply – [www.freestylephoto.biz](http://www.freestylephoto.biz)

Adorama (1-888-805-4900) or [www.adorama.com](http://www.adorama.com)

B & H Photo and Video – [www.bhphotovideo.com](http://www.bhphotovideo.com)