

Papermaking Studio & Policies

A108– Medium/High hazard studio

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Overview

The SMFA Papermaking Studio supports both traditional and experimental approaches to paper. With a variety of pigments, pulps, and equipment, students can explore the versatility of paper as both 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional forms.

Studio Manager hours will be posted on the door each week along with monitor hours during open studio times. The best way to reach the Studio Manager is through email: louis.meola@tufts.edu

Studio Access

- Students enrolled in a Papermaking Studio course will receive key-card access to the studio, and are permitted to use the equipment introduced in their class(es) upon completion of an in-class safety authorization.
- Students may use the Papermaking Studio during their class sessions or during open studio time. Students are NOT permitted to use the facilities during a scheduled class in which they are not currently enrolled.
- Open studio time is any time during the day that there is not a class scheduled inside this studio. A current class schedule is posted on the main door of the studio.
- Authorized users are given key-card access, and do not require supervision by a Studio Monitor.
- Overnight access is granted to pairs of students and must receive prior approval by the Studio Manager or faculty.
- Undergraduate students do not have access to the Papermaking Studio during Thanksgiving, Summer, and Winter breaks.
- Undergraduate students do have access during Spring Break.
- Always check your Tufts email for Monday Holidays and school closures.
- After you have received access, access will be granted again each semester after reaching out to the Studio Manager.
- The Studio Manager is the only person who can grant access to the studios.
- Students who are currently enrolled in a Papermaking class may have access to the Papermaking Studio (A108). If a student has taken a class in the past, they may request access from the STUDIO MANAGER, but need to attend the scheduled safety talks. All students who wish to gain access to this studio will need to attend the studio orientation talk and fill out the studio agreement form.
- Students CANNOT let other students who do not have access into the studio.

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Studio Safety and Emergency Procedures

- In case of injury: Inform the Studio Manager, faculty, and/or Studio Monitor. They will contact TUPD and file an Incident Report if needed. In the case of a serious emergency, call TUPD immediately **617.627.6911**. Do not wait for the Studio Manager, monitor, or faculty, just call!
 - First-aid supplies are provided by TUPD and available at the front desk. They are not permitted to be stored within the studio.
- Do not EVER use the studio while intoxicated or impaired. This applies to alcohol and recreational drugs. If a faculty member, Studio Manager, or monitor notices you're intoxicated or impaired, you will be asked to leave.
- **INFORM YOURSELF.** If you have any concerns about the materials being used in the studio, refer to the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) in the red and yellow binders around the studio. You have the right and responsibility to know about the potential health hazards associated with the materials you use, and how to protect yourself.
- **THERE ARE NO STUPID QUESTIONS.** Ask the Studio Manager or your faculty if you don't know how to do something, where a tool goes, where materials are, etc. We would rather take the time to answer your question than to see you hurt yourself or someone else.
- In case of Fire or Fire drill, stay calm and exit the building immediately using the nearest stairs; do NOT use the elevator.

Studio Etiquette and General Rules

- The Studio Monitor provides assistance as needed and maintains the studio throughout the day. While you are encouraged to ask questions, you are responsible for completing your own work and cleaning up after yourself.
- The Studio Monitor cannot provide trainings. Please reach out to the Studio Manager if you wish to be trained on equipment not covered in your class sessions.
- The Hollander Beaters may only be used when a Studio Monitor is present.
- Sturdy waterproof shoes are required in the Papermaking Studio. If you enter the studio without proper footwear, your feet will get soaked.
- **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS:**
 - No cell phone calls are permitted in the studio. Take your call out into the hallway.
 - Headphones are not permitted while operating beaters and other equipment.
 - Handle all equipment appropriately as instructed.
 - Do not do your own laundry using the studio washer and dryer.
- Students are responsible for removing their own work from the drying boxes. If the drying boxes become overcrowded, Monitors may move the work to the reclaimed paper flat files.

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Cleanliness

- It is your responsibility to leave the print studio as clean or cleaner than you found it. Plan to allot 30-45 minutes for clean-up at the end of your studio time.
- Pay careful attention during equipment cleaning demos and take notes. Fragile equipment such as moulds and beaters can be damaged by improper cleaning.
- Before leaving the studio, wipe down all surfaces that you used during your class or papermaking session. This includes tabletops, beaters, counters, stove tops, vacuum table, sink, etc. No trace of paper should be left behind on any tool or surface.
- Be sure to squeegee the floor if it is too wet.
- There is limited space, so remove your paper from drying boxes as soon as they are dry. Paper could get damaged, dirty, misplaced, or moved by accident.

Materials

- The only materials that are allowed to leave the studio are materials you purchased.
- A variety of consumables are free to students. These consumables must not leave the studio. Inform a Studio Monitor, faculty, or the Studio Manager if any consumable has run out.
- Any student who wishes to use outside fibers that have not been introduced in a class must request approval from the Studio Manager or faculty.
- Only chemistry provided by the Studio is allowed.
- Any outside pigments or additives must be approved by the Studio Manager or Faculty.

Flat Files and Drawers

- You will be assigned a flat file and a storage drawer at the beginning of the semester. Items left in flat files or drawers after the last day of review boards will be thrown away.
- All supplies, materials, and artwork that you wish to store in the studio must go into your flat file. Anything left outside of the flat file after you leave is subject to disposal or repurposing.
- Take care not to over-fill your flat file drawer. This can cause damage to your work and the work of others.
- Remove any unwanted items from your drawer and flat file at the end of the semester. Do not leave garbage for the studio staff to deal with.

Equipment Lists and Authorizations

Use of the following equipment requires enrollment in a Papermaking class:

- Hollander Beaters
- Large Mixer
- Drying Boxes

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- Large Mould and Deckles
- Smaller Mould and Deckles
- Vacuum Table
- Stove Tops
- Sugeta Mould and Deckle

For any questions or concerns, please send the Studio Manager an email. The manager's office is located on the second-floor front stairwell hallway (Edwin Gallery).