

SMFA Plaster and Moldmaking Studio

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OVERVIEW

The SMFA Plaster and Moldmaking Studio is equipped with all the raw materials and tools to calculate, formulate, and create molds of multiple materials. There are various hand tools, as well as measuring and safety equipment. All users must complete a safety training to gain access. Please contact the Studio Manager to arrange this.

STUDIO STAFF

Day-to-day management of the Plaster and Moldmaking Studio is performed by the Ceramic Studio Manager and a Studio Manager Assistant. The Studio Manager and Studio Manager Assistant work with student workers, instructors, and student users to maintain a safe, healthy, and friendly studio environment. Student workers assist the Studio Manager in maintaining the studio hours and ceramic process. Staff can answer basic questions about the studio, but they are not meant to instruct or “fill in the gaps” of information missed from unattended classes.

The Studio Team reserves the right to close the studio at any time. We strive to keep the space accessible as much as possible, but maintenance, safety, and staffing issues do happen. Check the studio door for any notes on closings.

PLASTER AND MOLDMAKING STUDIO HOURS AND ACCESS

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STUDIO HOURS:

The Plaster and Moldmaking Studio is open when the 230 Fenway building is open. The studio is closed during holidays and between semesters.

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FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN MOLDMAKING CLASSES:

The Plaster and Moldmaking Studio is a medium hazard facility that is open every day. An up-to-date class schedule is posted on the main door of the studio. During this time, access to the studio will be limited. Permission to use the Moldmaking Studio during a designated class time will be at the discretion of the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

Outside of class times, the studio is available on a first come, first serve basis.

FOR STUDENTS NOT ENROLLED IN MOLDMAKING CLASSES:

Students wishing to use the Moldmaking Studio who are not enrolled in a class AND/OR are seeking to pursue an on-going project must first contact the Studio Manager. Please note, the Moldmaking Studio is in high demand. Please be courteous of all other users.

If approved, the student will be notified by email and should schedule a meeting with the Studio Manager to go over safety and technical policies of the studio. Once approved, a student may work independently under guidance of this document. However, they must clean up and store all tools and other materials in between work sessions. This means the tables are cleared at the end of work sessions and no personal belongings remain in the studio.

STUDIO SAFETY

- Do not prop open any studio doors. It is a violation of building fire code.
- Do not attempt to use equipment you have not been trained on.
- Do not touch hot plates.
- Do your part to prevent airborne dust:
 - Plaster contains materials that can be harmful if inhaled
 - Do not sand or stir up dry clay dust in studios. NO BROOMS!
 - Use wet sponges or rags to clean surfaces.
 - There is NO dry sanding in the studio.
- There is NO food or drink allowed in the studio.
- If there is an emergency or injury call TUPD immediately at 617.627.6911 Do not wait for staff or faculty, just call.
- There are no stupid questions. If you do not know where something is or how to use something please ask a member of the staff.