Hunter MFA Survival Guide

The Hunter MFA program is large and relies on students, faculty and staff working cooperatively to ensure it runs smoothly. The MFA office strives to provide you with the support you may need to succeed and thrive here. We work with students on a daily basis to assist with situations such as use of the loading dock and project spaces, repair and upkeep of gallery and studio areas and access to tools. If you need help, please ask us.

Here are some useful guidelines:

BE IN POSSESSION OF BASIC STUDIO TOOLS

With well over 100 students at Hunter's 205 Hudson building, shared supplies disappear fast. Therefore you are responsible for purchasing your own tools and supplies to facilitate your studio practice and maintain your studio.

These include:

- basic hand tools like tape measures, hammers and pliers
- consumable items such as nails, screws, wood glue and sandpaper
- paintbrushes and roller covers for repainting studio and crit room walls
- joint compound and putty knife for filling holes and repairing walls

If you use tools often in your art practice, you should consider purchasing your own drill, sander, jigsaw etc. – we have some tools for checkout, but they are shared by everyone.

MAINTAIN COMMON KITCHENS

The custodial staff does general cleaning, garbage removal and upkeep, but they are not responsible for excessive messes. Please clean your dishes and throw unwanted refuse away (especially from the fridges, which fill quickly). The refrigerators are cleaned once a semester, and the rest of the time, everyone should work together to keep them in order.

HALLWAY STORAGE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT

The fire department frowns on anything being kept in the hallways, period. If we keep fire lanes clear and do not store anything dangerous or excessively messy, we can continue to use the hallway as an overflow area for studio spaces. To be clear: You should keep all your possessions neatly stored inside your studio. Anything that goes in the hallway is considered overflow and may be moved or consolidated if staff deems it necessary.

OVERFLOW STORAGE IS LIMITED

In addition to your assigned studio space, we usually have a handful of small, unoccupied studios that we assign as overflow storage. This space is shared by everyone and should be used sparingly and considerately. All storage spaces are emptied at the end of the semester!!

LEAVE YOUR STUDIO IN AS GOOD CONDITION AS YOU FOUND IT

This means any major changes you make must be returned to their former state, including (but not limited to) excessive paint or staining on the floor, excessive marks on the wall, and holes in the wall that are significant in size or number. The person who moves into your old studio can do a final paint, and you can paint your new studio, as needed.