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MODEL GUIDELINES

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Please fill out the “Model Request Form” on the Exhibition & Studio Services Intranet Page. Please request models 3-4 weeks in advance of your class. It is difficult/impossible to fill a request with any shorter notice. Please add any special requests on the form.
- Please do not reach out to models directly to schedule a session. All models must be requested via the Figure Model Request Form and must be on the approved model roster.
- Instruct the model regarding poses. Before posing begins models and instructors should agree on time limits for poses and breaks. In general, a ratio of 3 to 1 or 5 to 1 is reasonable depending upon the pose. Standing poses usually have a break after 20 minutes. Models should not pose for more than 45 minutes without a break. The model does not have to begin posing until the faculty member (or substitute) is present.
- Report to the model coordinator if the model is late or works over the original time scheduled.
- Make sure the model stand is cleared and ready for the model. Inform students that the model's stand is for the models only.
- The faculty are responsible for the “set up”. If the model is there for the set up, they will be compensated with 15 minutes or more.
- Keep the classroom doors shut when the model is posing and make sure the “MODEL IN SESSION” sign is on the outside of the door.
- Maintain an orderly and non-harassing atmosphere in the classroom. Instructors are responsible for monitoring student behavior while the model is present, and for discussing with students any behavior that is inappropriate. Instructors are to be sensitive to the dignity of the model, and to take special care to avoid any form of sexual harassment.
- Never touch a model. Instruct the model without touching the model. If you must go toward the model stand to point out something say, “I am going to approach you to point to something.” Do not use a “pointer” of any kind.
- DO NOT take photographs OR videos of the model.
- Only class members or those with the instructor's permission are allowed in the classroom. The model should be asked in advance about the admission of any other visitors.
- If the model is not in pose, they are not required to stay unclothed.
- Please contact the Model Coordinator with any positive or negative feedback.
- If the instructor is unable to teach their class due to illness and cannot find another teacher to supervise the class, then the model will be excused with pay for the hours scheduled.

NO-SHOW MODEL POLICY (evenings and weekends only)

- If the model does not show on time, you may call the model using the number provided on the model contact sheet.
- If you cannot reach the model and they do not show within 15 minutes, you will need to pivot and change the class schedule.
- Do not allow another participant to pose, under any circumstances, unless they are already working as an MCAD model.
- Email about the absent model to khatfield@mcad.edu and fkuhs@mcad.edu for CE courses.

MODEL CANCELLATION POLICY

- All cancellations to a scheduled model shift need to happen 48 hours or more in advance. If you are sick or there is a last minute emergency that occurs within 48 hours, please email Kayle (with the shift time and name of faculty) and she will handle the correspondence.
- If a class or request needs to be cancelled, the faculty member must do so at least 48 hours (or more) in advance. Failure to do so means the model will still be able to clock the scheduled shift in paylocity.

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- When a model agrees to work specific hours, they have made a commitment to the class and to the faculty member. It is their responsibility for being on time (including during and after any scheduled breaks).
- Before taking a pose, discuss the timing of breaks with the instructor.
- If the pose requested by the instructor is uncomfortable (physically or psychologically) please inform the instructor.
- Pose for the class in a professional manner as instructed by the faculty member.
- Timing of the poses is the model's responsibility. Please bring your own timer.
- If a model is unable to make it to a scheduled shift for any reason contact the Model Coordinator at khatfield@mcad.edu. For any reason other than medical emergency, the model must notify the office at least 48 hours in advance of the class; otherwise, the model will be considered absent from work.
- The model changing rooms are private areas *for models only*. Models should never let any faculty or students into the model changing rooms. Models should not lend out any model supplies such as linens, portable heaters, anti-slip pads or cushions. It is the model's responsibility to return all supplies to the changing rooms and lock the door. Please notify the Model Coordinator with any concerns about model changing rooms or supplies.
- If any issues arise OR you need to leave an urgent message please contact Exhibition & Studio Services.

MODEL COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The Exhibition & Studio Services department is committed to developing and maintaining a roster of figure models that includes a diversity of genders, body types, age ranges, races and abilities. It is the policy of the Minneapolis College of Art and Design to provide equal employment opportunity. The college does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, familial status, disability, age, marital status, genetic information, status with regard to receipt of public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, or any other characteristic protected by law.
- The Model Coordinator will contact a model for a faculty model request as soon as it is received (about 3-4 weeks in advance of a class or earlier). The Model Coordinator will only contact one model for a request at a time and wait to hear back from that model whether they are available or not. Only if a request is urgent or extremely last-minute will the Model Coordinator contact more than one model and schedule the first model who responds to the request. This will be made absolutely clear in any such urgent requests.
- The Model Coordinator will keep a calendar of all scheduled models, up to date model availability and contact information. Models are scheduled for sessions as equally and fairly as possible.
- The Model Coordinator will act as a mediator between models, faculty and students. They will relay any information about model requests from the Faculty to the Model. Any grievances any party has may be relayed directly to the Model Coordinator and they will resolve the issue professionally and efficiently.
- The Model Coordinator will always ask the permission of a figure model to share their contact information with another model, MCAD faculty or outside organization for any reason. The model's personal information and privacy is of the utmost importance.