Life Drawing Guidelines for Students

1. The model stand is for the model’s use only. It should be clear of anything not directly related to the model’s pose or setup. Students should not use the model stand as an easel or table, nor should they use the model stand to store their studio equipment or bags. The model changing room and its contents are for model use only.

2. A life drawing session is a private situation. Classroom doors are to be kept shut and the “model in session” sign should be placed outside the classroom door whenever the model is posing. Students should remain in the classroom when the model is posing. Only class members or those with the faculty’s permission are allowed in the classroom when the model is posing (the model should be asked in advance about the admission of any visitors).

3. Students should not approach the model stand when the model is posing. Students should never touch a model. If a student feels an adjustment to a pose is required during a life session, they should communicate with the faculty member who will then relay that information to the model.

4. Students are not allowed to take photographs or video during a life drawing session. The use of cell phones for any purpose is strictly forbidden when the model is posing. Cell phones should be placed in backpacks or bags during model sessions, with the ringer turned off.

5. An orderly, respectful atmosphere must be maintained in the classroom during life drawing sessions. Students should be sensitive to the dignity of the model and avoid behavior that may be considered offensive or sexually harassing towards the model. Disruptive or inappropriate behavior during modeling sessions will result in a student being removed from the classroom.