

# Shops, Studios + Media

## *Role of Technicians*

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### ABOUT THE ROLE OF TECHNICIANS

Within shop, studio and media production environments, technicians are responsible for:

- Overseeing the readiness and safe operation of all shop, studio and media production facilities at the university;
- Providing all technical instruction on equipment;
- Establishing and updating safe work procedures for material processes and equipment;
- Establishing and monitoring safe area operational capacities;
- Instructing on best methods of fabrication in response to curricular prompts and student inquiry;
- Delivering technical instruction that supports curricular outcomes, and;
- Providing follow-up instruction in studio and media production areas where faculty delivery of process and material instruction is central to curriculum.

### COLLABORATING WITH TECHNICIANS

Within shop, studio and media production environments, faculty are asked to:

- Provide technicians with a clear course outline including project briefs in advance of scheduled support (Curriculum Planning Tool), communicate updates as projects evolve and schedule project review sessions with technicians, students and faculty in advance of intensive prototyping and production;
- Follow all established safe work procedures, best practices and operational guidelines (including safe work limits and use of personal protective equipment) when working in production areas, whether for curriculum or working on personal project research;
- Consult with technicians on suitability and safety of specific materials or fabrication methods prior to building course deliverables around them;
- In studio and media production areas, faculty may take a more active role in process and material demonstrations, but are asked to consult with technicians in advance to ensure safe work procedures are up to date;
- Schedule (online booking where applicable) all work time in production areas, and ask students to do the same, and;
- Work collaboratively with area faculty and technicians towards the goal of providing the best equitable access and support for students.

