



DOUGHERTY ARTSCENTER

DARKROOM INDEPENDENT STUDY EVALUATION

Students applying for Independent Study must complete a six-week evaluation class with a Dougherty Instructor. This process is to ensure students have a clear understanding of studio procedures, policies, and expectations.

Student:
Instructor:
Evaluation Dates:

Expectations	Specifications	Yes or No
		Six-Week class with Instructor
Vocabulary	Knows the various terms and their meanings (ie. – negative carrier, focus finder, fixer, emulsion, bellows, paper easel, condenser head, etc.)	
Developing Film	Comfortable opening film canister, using developing tank & rolling negative on to reel	
	Understands chemistry, timing and water temperature required for each step of film development	
Chemistry Set Up	Demonstrates a comfort and understanding of the chemistry required to develop a print	
	Demonstrates ability to properly mix: developer, stop bath, fixer and hypo clear	
	Understands used fix is not dumped down the drain and stored for safe disposal	
Enlarger & Lens Set up	Demonstrates the ability to use enlarger correctly: positioning paper/negative, focus, lens aperture	
	Understands difference between negative size and lens required (35mm neg./50-75mm – 2 ¼ neg./75-90mm – 4x5 neg./135-150mm)	
	Demonstrates the ability to use focus finder	
	Demonstrates the ability to make a test strip	
Developing an image	Understands timing required for each step of paper development	



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	Understands the difference between RC and fiber paper	
Ability to troubleshoot	Understands how to adjust contrast	
	Understands why photo paper is black after development (exposed to light)	
	Understands why there is white specs on final print (dust/dirt on negative)	
	Understands why paper print turns brown over time (fix not washed off)	
Cleanup	Keeps working area tidy and is non-obtrusive to other students	
	Thoroughly cleans working area before class ends	

Do you believe this student can work independently and create successful work? YES / NO

Do you recommend this student for Independent Study? YES / NO

Comments:

Instructor Signature: _____ Date: _____