Creating Films For Printmaking

Printing Acetate on WSA Laser Printers

1. **Print your paper original**
   - Print your PDF on to paper using MyPrint Colour setting. Set the scale to 100% in the print dialog box before printing.

2. **Check for compatibility**
   - Ensure you are using an acetate compatible MFD Printer by looking for the green label on the device.

3. **Load your paper original**
   - Load your paper original into the copy feed tray or place it directly on the glass ready to copy.

4. **Load the bypass tray**
   - Load the correct sized **laser compatible acetate** into the bypass tray (MP Tray) on the laser printer.

5. **Confirm media size & type**
   - Set the paper size to A4 and select Transparency as the media type. **For printing A4 skip to step 7**

6. **Set media size & type for A3**
   - Remove your acetate from the MP tray and reload it. The printer will detect A3 size and retain the transparency setting.

7. **Select the bypass tray**
   - Select the bypass tray (MP Tray) as the paper/media source.

8. **Adjust the contrast**
   - Set to Full Colour and adjust the contrast to +5 using the Darkness setting on the printer.

9. **Copy your paper original**
   - Press start to copy your artwork onto the acetate. Check to ensure it is dark enough for the screen exposure process.
Acetate Compatible Printer Locations

Laser friendly acetate and card up to 325gsm.

Only selected MFD printers at Winchester School of Art are capable of printing onto acetate. You must ensure you are using one of these printers for creating film positives on acetate and that you are using laser compatible acetate purchased from WSA only.