

WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING! – Architectural Studies Majors

ADVISING APPOINTMENTS – YOU SHOULD PLAN ON HAVING ONE WITH A DEPARTMENTAL ADVISOR AT LEAST ONCE A SEMESTER, AND MORE ARE RECOMMENDED.

Sophomore Year: 5-6 Semesters remain until graduation

- Finish HAA 0040, SA 0110, SA 0130, PHYS 0110 and PHYS 0111 by the end of this year.
- Other recommended courses to take early: HAA 0940, HAA 1913, HAA 1914.
- Join AIAS – the student architecture club
- Attend architecture events throughout the city – lectures, tours, visiting sites, etc.!
- Resume & Portfolio development – are you ready to apply for internships?
- Mapping out a semester – by – semester plan.
 - For Design Track Majors: The Studio Sequence: HAA 1913, SA 1430, HAA 1916, HAA 1917
 - For Preservation Track Majors: when to take the 6-credit HAA 1921 course? Capstone courses offered less frequently.
- Familiarize yourself with the program's teaching assistantship program – is this something you want to do eventually? In which courses can students serve as TAs? Do well in them!
- Planning for Study Abroad or other ways to travel internationally
- Compose a portfolio if you haven't already done so!
 - Save all creative work
 - Get in the habit of documenting it each semester
 - Sketchbook – you should have one! You should be working on it constantly for your coursework and outside the classroom!
- Other majors, minors, or certificate programs you can pursue?
- Summer plans – Use this time productively to build up your resume and experience!
- Consider a research project (Honors College and Arts and Sciences fellowships provide FUNDING)
- Consider volunteering!
- Establish relationships with professors who interest you. Attend office hours!
- Departmental writing award competition? Are you ready to submit something to this?
- Attend HAAARCH!!! This take place shortly after Spring Break each year.
- Is the honors track something you want to pursue? If so, should meet and discuss this with Gretchen now!
- Become more active in extracurricular activities that interest you
- Familiarize yourself with the services offered at the Career Development Office. 200 William Pitt Union careers@pitt.edu

- Travel as much as possible – even if it's “just” within the city and local region! Get out and see the sites!

Junior Year: 3-4 semesters remain before until graduation

- What do you want to accomplish by the time you graduate?
- Internships – If you haven't had one, Get Moving!
 - Consult internship directory. Other networking opportunities?
 - Develop professional resume and cover letter.
 - Develop mini-portfolio.
- Continue to develop and add potential material to your portfolio. Should be becoming increasingly professional in content and appearance.
 - Sketchbook – you should have one! You should be working on it constantly for your coursework and outside the classroom!
- Get more involved in AIAS – the architecture student organization
- Attend architecture events throughout the city – lectures, tours, visiting sites, etc.!
- Research graduate programs.
- Volunteer at local organizations and take advantage of service opportunities.
- Consider attending the annual architectural studies field trip
- Continue to develop and maintain strong relationships with faculty members. Who are your three references/letter writers?
 - Consider this when selecting courses now!*
- Are you able to start pursuing or articulating a specialized interest within the discipline?
- Independent research? Is this something you want to do? If so, you must plan this *now*. Consult with Tom Morton
- Consider applying to research fellowships (Funding!) through the Honors College and School of Arts and Sciences
- Teaching assistantships? Is this something you want to do? If so, you must plan this *now*. Consult with Maria (mdaw@pitt.edu)
- Departmental writing award competition -- Will you be submitting a paper?
- Attend or participate in HAAARCH!!! (shortly after Spring Break)
- Honors track -- If you are pursuing this, a finished plan should be in place by the end of this year, including securing a faculty sponsor. Meet with Maria D'Anniballe or/and Tom Morton *now* to discuss your options.
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- Are you planning to apply to graduate programs? Consider taking the GRE in summer before senior year, continue to hone portfolio, start brainstorming for your statement of purpose/essay, and start the list of programs in which you're interested.
- Is your internship requirement complete? Most architectural studies majors finish this no later than summer after junior year.
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Senior Year: 1-2 semester left before graduation

- Applying for graduation. Are your requirements met: for major(s), minor(s), certificate program(s) and general education requirements? Will you have enough credits?
 - Deadline to apply for December graduation is **in early July**, and for April graduation is **in early November**.
- Applying for jobs & Applying for graduate schools
 - Are you getting the help you need?
 - Have you finished researching graduate programs?
 - Is your portfolio complete?
 - Have you written your statement of interest or letter of intent?
 - Have you secured letters of recommendation or references?
 - If you are applying to graduate programs, and you haven't already done so, you must notify Maria D'Anniballe, Tom Morton and Drew Armstrong IMMEDIATELY to let them know your plans so we can prepare to assist you.
 - SEPA: Office of Student Employment and Placement Assistance. Must get a referral from the Office of Career Development.
 - You should be using FutureLinks! And the Pitt Alumni Network!
- Attend the annual Architectural Studies field-trip
- Attend architecture events throughout the city – lectures, tours, visiting sites, etc.!
- Continue volunteering at local organizations and take service
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