

July 13, 2020

Welcome New and Returning Students to the Academic Session 2020-2021

- **MASTERS OF ARCHITECTURE (M1 & M2)**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN:
ARCHITECTURE MASTER PREPARATION OPTION (ED AMP 1 & 2)
ARCHITECTURE OPTION (ED3 & ED4)**

Dear Students,

I want to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students. I hope you will have a rewarding and successful academic year in the Faculty of Architecture. My office and the student advising offices are here to support your success at the University of Manitoba. We want to ensure that you know how to locate the wide variety of resources available to you as a student.

Graduate Students: All material necessary for the Masters M1 & M2 students (registration and orientation) can be found on the Department of Architecture website under Current Students then Registration:
<http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/programs/architecture/index.html>

Undergraduate Students: All material necessary for Environmental Design Program Architecture Option ED3, ED4 and ED AMP 1 & ED AMP 2 Architecture Master Preparation Option registration can be found on the Environmental Design web site under Current Students then Courses:
<http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/programs/edesign/index.html>.

ALL STUDENTS (Graduate and Undergraduate) are required to register for their courses on-line using the [AURORA registration](#) system. Students can connect to the University of Manitoba Aurora Class Schedule by clicking Current Students on the University of Manitoba homepage and under Useful online tools clicking Aurora, or by entering <https://aurora.umanitoba.ca> into your favorite web browser.

Your initial access time:

Determine your Registration Time for the Fall/Winter 2020-2021 terms through Aurora Student. Go to [Aurora Student](#), login and select Enrolment and Academic Records, then Registration, and then Registration Time & Status.

Claim ID:

All students in the University **are required** to use University of Manitoba email accounts to receive official notifications. Please review the University email policy at: <http://umanitoba.ca/registrar/student-email-policy> and claim your ID at <http://www.umanitoba.ca/computing/ist/accounts/claimid.html> following the instructions provided.

We will add your e-mail address to the student advisor's e-mail lists.

Start of Term:

For ED **AMP 1 students**: All students are required to take the **Arch Tech Prep** course, EVAR 3012 - Architectural Technology Preparation: Structural Concepts; it starts on Monday morning, August 31, 2020 and will run for that (full) week. This year, the course will be delivered remotely due to the ongoing generalized health crisis: you will receive an invitation link via e-mail.

STUDIO PRESENTATIONS AND WELCOME

Studio and Topics offerings will be posted online by **August 30**. Go to the Department of Architecture website under Current Students. All students are responsible for reviewing the Student Reference Material as well as other important information on the website. <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/programs/architecture/index.html>

All Masters Students: There will be a Graduate Student Orientation on Tuesday September 8 at 9:00 am, delivered remotely via Webex or similar; you will receive an invitation link via e-mail. All students are responsible for review the Master of Architecture program Supplemental Regulations - http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/admin/supplemental_regulations.html

All Students: There will be a Studio Presentation on Tuesday September 8 at 10:00 am, delivered remotely via Webex or similar; you will receive an invitation link via e-mail. Following a welcome address from the Head of Architecture, each instructor conducting a studio will give a 5-10 minute presentation on their offering to the entire student body. Following the presentations, M1, M2, ED AMP2 and ED4 students will select and rank three studios, at their respective level, which they wish to join. An online form will be sent to your U of M email early afternoon and it must be submitted by 9am September 9th. **ED-AMP1 and ED3 students will be assigned their studios.**

The Department Head will establish the final studio groups. In establishing the studio groups, every attempt will be made to satisfy student interests, while achieving equitable groups in term of size and diversity. It is possible that students will not get one of their top choices. The Department Head's decision is final.

Design Thesis students may pre-arrange with an advisor. Each advisor can pre-sign up to three Design Thesis students only. Email Yvonne Halden, Student Advisor for required paperwork at yvonne.halden@umanitoba.ca. Design Thesis students who do not pre-arrange an advisor are required to attend the Studio Presentations and participate in the selection process. Design Thesis students will be given priority in the process; however, final decisions on this matter rest with the Head in consultation with the Design Thesis coordinator. **PLEASE NOTE: It is now Department of Architecture policy that incoming M2 students may not register with the same studio professor they had in M1.**



All Master Students: a Topics course offering presentation will take place at 2:00 pm on September 8 via Webex or similar, which all Master students must attend. The Topics selection process is handled in a similar manner as the studios.

Studio assignments will be announced via e-mail by noon on Thursday September 10th. Studio introductions begin that afternoon at 2 pm. In the interim you will receive an email invitation; please be especially attentive to your inbox that day.

COVID-19 and Studio:

The Faculty of Architecture has been approved in principle for partial in-person Studio teaching following University directives and provincial social distancing, health, and sanitation, protocols. **Studios will typically run on Mondays and Thursdays. Studio courses will combine in-person and online instruction.** Currently, as it stands now, the Department is able to assign each student a dedicated work station (with a designated desk, chair and locker). However, due to requirements for physical distancing, studio groups will be split into two sub-groups for in-person studio meetings in order to reduce the occupancy of our building to 50% at any given time. Building and facilities access will be allowed, but reduced and restricted. Further information to follow.

COVID-19 and Courses:

All other courses (with the exception of studio) will be taught online.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Faculty and Department are in the process of preparing remote learning guidelines, for studio and lecture courses. The new protocols and guidelines will be available on the Department website by August 17. Please be aware, however, that the circumstances around COVID-19 are fluid. Should a major outbreak occur, or and/or health protocols changes, it is possible in-person studio instruction will also revert to online instruction.

REGISTRATION:

Masters students: Once your studio choice has been finalized, you will have to register in AURORA as soon as possible. All registration must be finalized by **Sept. 11th, 2020**

Environmental Design - Architecture Option Years ED3, ED4 and ED-AMP1 & ED-AMP2 Students: Once studio sections have been finalized, you will be notified through email **At that time you can register in Aurora for the appropriate studio** section for both Fall and Winter term Studios; this should be done by **September 10th, 2020.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

All students: Please check the General Studio & Course Information that can be found under Current Students then Student Reference Material for 2020-2021 on the Department of Architecture website:

<https://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/programs/architecture/>. All your courses and studios will be cross-referenced to this document so please read and understand it before the year starts to avoid any confusion.



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Please note that we do not have part time students and we expect full time commitment to your studies. The Department of Architecture strongly recommends that you do not take on work outside of the University between September and the end of April.

For Graduate Student inquiries please contact the Student Advisor Yvonne Halden by e-mail yvonne.halden@umanitoba.ca (available until August 7th). For Inquiries after that date please contact Tobi Hawkins at (204) 474-6578 or e-mail Tobi.Hawkins@umanitoba.ca

For ED3, ED4, ED AMP1 and ED AMP2 inquiries, please contact Student Advisor Carrie Johnson at (204) 474-9566 or email Carrie.Johnson@umanitoba.ca

We are looking forward to seeing you all and working with you this coming year, whether in-person or remotely! The staff and instructors are committed to making 2020-2021 a creative and productive year!

Yours sincerely,

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Associate Professor and Head