

Dear Architecture students,

Greetings! As I noted in my July 10th email, I'm sending an end of month update of what we know (and don't know yet) about the Autumn 2020 quarter. First of all, THANK YOU for those of you who took the survey last time. Your feedback shows us that there is both the strong desire to have at least some in-person instruction and also there are many students for whom remote instruction is the only option. This information helps us understand, advocate for and plan for ways to meet the needs of all our students.

The University's announcement on Friday, August 7th, regarding the policies and guidelines for autumn quarter will inform the extent of the in person instruction and activities we can have. As we await these decisions, we will continue using your feedback and are working with faculty and staff to plan for various scenarios. I appreciate your patience as we work on these complex issues.

What you can expect for August:

- On or before **Aug 7th UW President Cauce will be sending an update**
- **Wednesday Aug 12th**
 - The Architecture Time Schedule will be updated and reflect our plan for classes that are in person and remote (tagged as synchronous or asynchronous)
 - **Architecture Town Hall, 4pm PDT:** I'll be joined by the advisors Claudine Manio (grad) and Kim Sawada (undergrad) providing updates and to respond to questions from you! We'll record this and email key facts for those not able to attend. You can [join our Zoom Townhall here](#).
- **Friday Aug 14th** ARCH 400 (undergrad seniors) & ARCH 506 studio descriptions & selection form distributed.
- **Friday Aug 22nd** ARCH 400 & ARCH 506 studio selection forms due.
- **August 31st** September online orientation schedule published
- **August 31st** Deferral/leave of absence deadline. Contact your advisor to discuss [and find information on our FAQ's page](#).

While there are still significant unknowns, what we know for sure is that this fall will be unique. Although we can be sad about what we lose, we can also be optimistic about what we can gain. We've entered into a time of radical change and experimentation in education. I'm pleased that we at the College of Built Environments are approaching this challenge with kindness and creativity. We are committed to delivering high quality learning for all students and look forward to working with you to develop new modes of learning, connecting and designing. Please do reach out to myself or the advisors if you have ideas on how we can be more effective. It's our collective engagement that will propel us forward.

Warm wishes and happy Friday!
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