Architecture Core Prep

August 13 - August 24, 2018

The Department of Architecture offers an Architecture Core Prep workshop to incoming Architecture students. This workshop is required for any entering Master in Architecture student who finds the requirement listed on their “Application Status Page” and is open to all incoming Architecture students.

The course is an intensive overview of the representational techniques, design strategies, and digital tools essential to the Core Studio sequence at the GSD. Organized around three short design exercises, students will learn the fundamentals of Rhino, V-Ray, Illustrator, and Photoshop as they produce a series of digital models, physical models and drawings that build in complexity from simple line drawings to amalgamations of multiple techniques and media. As they work through various aspects of these design exercises, students will also be introduced systematically to the GSD’s facilities, including orientations to the woodshop, laser cutters, 3D printers, CAD/CAM facilities, and computing resources.

The Architecture Core Prep with the course curriculum is developed by the GSD faculty and overseen by the Department of Architecture. No academic credit is given for the course.

The fee for the course is $500

The draft syllabus will be sent to you early in the summer, along with additional details. Please plan to be at the GSD by 9 a.m., Monday, August 13. After the first day, the workshop will meet 10 – 5, weekdays. Students should anticipate additional working time in studio outside the formal hours of instruction. Participants are expected to arrive on the first day with a laptop that meets the requirements described below.

If you have questions, please contact Afshaan Burtram, Architecture Program Coordinator.

LAPTOP REQUIREMENT AT THE GSD

Increasingly, instruction at the GSD requires meeting in locations and classrooms with only WIFI network access, and actively using software in-class (some of it Windows-only). Therefore, all GSD students are expected to arrive with a laptop computer capable of running Windows. Running Windows on a MacBook, MacBook Pro, or MacBook Air has become a popular option in recent years but please note: it is your responsibility to install and configure your windows environment. GSD technical support staff are available for specific questions but are not prepared to perform the windows installation for you. Arriving at the GSD with a windows ready laptop is a requirement and it reflects the reality that students with only a desktop, or unable to run Windows, will not be able to fully participate in the diversity of educational opportunities and activities essential to today’s design education.

COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE

For full information, please visit the Computer Resources Group’s web site.

2018 Core Prep Workshop: August 13 - 24, 2018
Location: Gund Hall, 48 Quincy Street

To register, please submit the online registration form by June 15, 2018.