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**School of Architecture and Planning Advisement**

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**TO:** All First Year Architecture Students and All Transfer Students in ARC 101 (Arch Design Studio 1) Studios

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**RE:** **ARC 101 SOAr Academic Sessions UPDATE** -- Thursday, August 27 – 29, 2009

It is difficult to believe that the fall term is just weeks away. Most likely, you are in the midst of preparing for your first semester in the architecture program. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact School of Architecture and Planning Advisement at [ap-advising@buffalo.edu](mailto:ap-advising@buffalo.edu).

This year, ARC 101 (Arch Design Studio 1) will begin on Thursday, August 27, 2009. The beginning of ARC 101 includes the Studio Orientation to Architecture (**SOAr**) Academic Sessions from Thursday afternoon, August 27 through Saturday afternoon, August 29. As ARC 101 (Arch Design Studio 1) begins on Thursday, August 27, 2009, participation in the Studio Orientation to Architecture (**SOAr**) sessions is **mandatory** for all students. Information on **ARC 101 SOAr** can be located online at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/ap/soar.html> and at [http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/arc\\_about.shtml](http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/arc_about.shtml).

During this time, we will undertake several important activities related to ARC 101 studio instruction:

1. We will introduce you to the program and faculty who will be teaching in the first year.
2. We will set up the studio spaces, including the installation of your studio equipment.
3. We will review all materials for the first year studio so that you know how each piece of equipment should be assembled and used.
4. You will be introduced to the School of Architecture and Planning Library and the Visual Resources Center.
5. You will take a Library Course that will introduce you to the many resources that we have available both online and in print form. You will also be given a mandatory Library Assignment.
6. You will complete a Computing Resources Course. This course is required for all students using the Computing Resources Lab in the School of Architecture and Planning. There are many media services and software packages in the Lab that are unique to the discipline of architecture, and that require special instructions for use. As first year students, you will need to use this equipment to document your work and develop your portfolios.
7. You will be assigned and work on your first ARC 101 studio assignment related to the numerous architectural treasures located within Buffalo.
8. You'll have an opportunity for last minute Fall advisement.

The **ARC 101 SOAr** Academic Session Schedule is as follows:

\* **Thursday, August 27**

9:00 a.m., UB Residence Halls Student Check-In (for ARC 101 students living on-campus only; does not apply for students living off-campus)

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Introduction – **148 Diefendorf Hall (NEW LOCATION)**, UB South Campus

5:00 p.m. – 7:00+ p.m., ARC 101 (Arch Design Studio 1) Studio Picnic - Location TBA, UB South Campus

\* **Friday, August 28**

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., ARC 101 SOAr Small Group Set-Up Sessions (**Bring your ARC 101 studio kit**)

5 p.m. – UB September Welcome

\* **Saturday, August 29**

9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m., ARC 101 studio assignment

2:00 – 4:00 p.m., ARC 101 SOAr Wrap-up – **148 Diefendorf Hall (NEW LOCATION)**

A more detailed schedule will be distributed to you on Thursday afternoon, August 27 when you meet as a group for the first time in **148 Diefendorf Hall (NEW LOCATION)**, (**Diefendorf Hall** is building #15).

A map of the UB South Campus (**Diefendorf Hall** (building #15) is attached. Again, participation in the **ARC 101 SOAr** is **mandatory** for all students. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact School of Architecture and Planning Advisement at [ap-advising@buffalo.edu](mailto:ap-advising@buffalo.edu).

We, the first year faculty team, are looking forward to working with you, and want your first term to be a rewarding and enriching experience. The **ARC 101 SOAr** Academic Sessions will equip you with the basics to enter your architectural education at the University at Buffalo with confidence.

We look forward to seeing all ARC 101 (Arch Design Studio 1) students on Thursday, August 27 at 3pm .

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