SPRING QUARTER 2020: STUDENTS

DEAR STUDENTS

All of the faculty and staff in the School of Art + Art History + Design have been working to ensure that, when spring quarter begins on March 30, your online classes will be dynamic with content and assignments that foster originality and promote meaningful new ideas.

Our Advising team wants to make sure that you all get a response to your questions and concerns. Many of you have the same questions for our advisers, and we have provided answers to these important questions below.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- The best way to contact our Advising team is via email.
- Advisers will make every effort to answer all email between 9am and 3pm, Monday–Friday.
- Advising is working on a system to remotely connect one-on-one with students and will notify you when this is ready.
- This webpage will be updated by the Advising team daily/weekly as needed.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN WILL STUDENTS BE CONTACTED BY THEIR INSTRUCTORS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT CLASSES?

Your instructors may have already contacted you with information about how they will help you work remotely. If not, you will hear from them this week. Also, you can contact them via email or through their Canvas site with questions specific to each class.

HOW WILL SPRING QUARTER WORK WITHOUT ACCESS TO STUDIOS AND CLASSROOMS?

While there will be challenges, this is a time when we need to think outside the box, develop new practices, and find new solutions. Our online classes are designed to stretch your thinking about the study of Art, Art History, and Design beyond the classroom and studio experience. Zoom is one of the online tools that will be used.

WILL THERE BE ZOOM TRAINING WORKSHOPS OR RESOURCES DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL?

Zoom Pro is now available free to all students, staff, and faculty at UW. It is available as a standalone application or through a web browser, and there are apps available for download to Android and iOS devices.

- Visit the main UW-IT webpage for Zoom Video Conferencing.
- View this brief video for downloading and logging into Zoom.

We have scheduled some one-hour introductory session to Zoom for students in School of Art + Art History + Design classes:

- Monday, March 30, 9–10am
- Tuesday, March 31, 10–11am
- Wednesday, April 1, 11am–12pm
- Monday, April 6, 9–10am
If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, let us know. We will see what can be done about scheduling more sessions.

WHEN AND HOW WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE TO GET INTO THEIR STUDIOS AND LOCKERS?

On March 23, Governor Jay Inslee initiated a stay-at-home decree to help stop the spread of COVID-19. All residents of Washington State must stay home for the next two weeks. We must honor this decree and, as a result, will not be able to open the Art Building, the CMA, or the Sand Point Gallery to allow students, family, or friends to pick up any materials, work, or belongings they left in those buildings.

Your items will remain safely inside those buildings until we are able to help you pick them up in the future.

WHAT IF WE CAN’T ACCESS CERTAIN MATERIALS NEEDED FOR ONLINE ART OR DESIGN PROJECTS?

Faculty are developing their course projects with material limitations in mind and will ensure that all students can succeed regardless of material availability.

WHAT IF WE CAN’T GET TEXTBOOKS FOR OUR ART HISTORY CLASSES?

Please share this issue with the instructors of your classes. They will have contingency solutions for you.

HOW WILL CRITIQUE AND DISCUSSION HAPPEN ONLINE? WILL I SEE MY PEERS OR JUST THE FACULTY MEMBER?

The faculty are intending to use Zoom, Panopto, and Canvas technology to provide the most interactive online experience possible. Exact details of the “in class” experience will depend on the course and the instructor.

WILL TAKING DESIGN 166 ONLINE REDUCE MY CHANCES OF GETTING INTO THE DESIGN MAJOR?

Absolutely not. This class is all about the quality of the work completed by students. The Design faculty are confident that they can see the qualities of a student’s work online. There will also be ample chance to interact via video (Zoom).

WILL TAKING ONLINE CLASSES AFFECT MY FINANCIAL AID?

For any questions related to financial aid, visit the UW Office of Financial Aid FAQ webpage.

ARE COURSES GOING TO BE GRADED CR/NC AGAIN IN SPRING?

No. All Art, Art History and Design classes will be graded numerically.

WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR ART AND DESIGN GRADUATION EXHIBITIONS?

It is clear that we will not be able to use the Jacob Lawrence Gallery or other School galleries to exhibit work during spring quarter. We are investigating numerous solutions to this problem and will soon share plans to celebrate and showcase the work of our graduating undergraduates and graduate students.

WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR A GRADUATION CELEBRATION?

We are facing a difficult situation and, until it is safe for us to gather in large groups, we will adhere to guidelines established by government, medical, and UW officials. In the meantime, we are looking at ways to safely celebrate the important moment of graduation for all the Art, Art History, and Design students who graduated at the end of summer and autumn 2019, winter 2020, and those of you who will complete degrees at the end of spring 2020. Visit the Commencement website or updates on UW Commencement in Husky Stadium.

UW RESOURCES

Office of the Provost: Facts and information regarding spring quarter 2020