

Dear **Architecture + Design** Students,

We are so delighted to have you participate in GSA's 2022 Architecture + Design studio! This discipline letter serves as a bit of insight to how your three weeks will go at our program.

First, anticipate a challenging curriculum that will introduce you to unfamiliar ways of learning, exploring, and thinking. Our studios (classes) will include intense sessions of drawing, making, and building - some completely digital and some analogue. Our A+D program is modeled after a first-semester, collegiate-level architecture or design studio. This means we'll be introducing you to a variety of architecture and design-related concepts, processes, tools, and software. Ultimately, this program will truly give you a primer as to what it may be like to practice this artform at the next level.

Second, anticipate studio projects that will be balanced with guest visits and virtual presentations. With these practicing artists, architects, and designers, we will introduce ideas that will help facilitate conversations in our own studio (and beyond). This includes dialogue about current and historical design context that will inspire you across different themes.

While GSA will provide raw materials for your projects, we have included a supply list (items you'll need to bring with you to the program) on the next page. We ask that you bring these items because we want to ensure that you have the tools you need to continue practicing your art far beyond this summer. You can find these items at many art supply stores or online. Please keep in mind that during GSA, you'll be changing workstations constantly. With that being said, **we encourage you to label your personal items.**

Also note that if you have trouble finding an item or two, you can always find a substitution. In addition, if you are unable to purchase any supplies due to financial reasons—no worries! Please send a detailed request to us at gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org , and we'd be happy to help.

Again, we are very much looking forward to an exciting three weeks together!

Best,

Jordan & Mark (*Your Architecture + Design Faculty*)

GSA 2022 Architecture + Design Supply List

- **Pens & Pencils:** Bring a variety of what you already use to write, sketch, or draw with. If you use predominantly either pencils or pens - be sure to bring both. Markers or sharpies included!
- **Erasers & Sharpeners:** Bring at least one of each.
- **Sketchbook:** This can be whatever size or paper type you prefer to use.
- **Architectural Scale:** Be sure to get an architectural scale ***not*** an engineering one.
- **Glue:** A simple white glue, like Elmer's or Sobo. Please no super glue or hot glue.
- **Cutting Blade:** Xacto knife with #11 blades ***or*** light duty snap blade knife with extra blades. Be sure it is ***not*** a heavy-duty box cutter or utility knife.
- **Metal Ruler:** Should have a cork backing with your preference of 12" or 18" or 24".
- **Cutting Mat:** Your preference of standard 12"x18" or 24"x36".
- **Scissors:** Any 'full size' variety works - just not a small or 'child size' one.
- **Physical Storage:** Any kit, box, or bag for your personal supplies.
- **Digital Storage Device:** For your personal digital design files to be stored. This can be any portable external storage and come in a variety of options. These can be a usb flash drive or thumb drive, a pocket hard drive or portable drive. If you already have one, bring that along. If you have to purchase one, we suggest storage size from 32gb to 128gb, as these are easily available under \$20.
- **Computers:** Please ***do not*** bring your personal computer or tablet to studio. Our spaces include computers for the projects we need them for.
- **For Walking:** Back-pack, water bottle, and comfortable shoes (for when we get a chance to do out-of-studio tours).
- **Masks & Face Coverings:** We ask that you bring enough face masks for 3 weeks at GSA.
- **Spending Money:** Though housing, meals, room, and board are covered by GSA, you might want a little extra money for GSA merch on-campus or souvenirs during field trips.
- **General:** Feel free to bring any other personal tools or media that you feel comfortable using. This can include items like markers, colored pencils, a camera, and more. You may or may not use any of these items in the studio, but you are more than welcome to bring them.