

Studio Life & Life Outside the School

Orientation 2026

Welcome to Dalhousie Architecture! The intent of this workshop is to provide an insight to the day-to-day activities in and around the school. The collaborative studio atmosphere is a great place to learn from your peers, especially with the diverse backgrounds that enter the program.

- 1** ***Important Contact Information***
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- 3** ***Places of Interest***
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- Keep your studio space clean
- Sleep!
- Stay organized - timelines and to-do lists
- Give and get feedback from your peers
- Stay active outside of school
- Eat healthy/well
- Give yourself more time than you need to finish a project

Studio Life “Don’t”



- Spread your mess over multiple desks
- Leave a mess in the common spaces
- Play music without headphones
- Wait until the last minute/night before to start an assignment
- Use equipment that you are unsure of without help
- Use spray paint/aerosols in the building
- Work on projects without rest
- Drink only coffee

Nearby Places of Interest



1. Architecture Building
2. DeSerres
3. Sexton Gym
4. Sexton B Building
5. Public Library
6. Pete's Frootique
7. Shopper's
8. Steve-O-Reno's
9. Pane E Circo
10. Pizza Corner



Dalhousie Health Services

1246 LeMarchant

Dalplex

6260 South St.

NSCAD Art Store

1874 Hollis St.

Places To Eat



Best Coffee

Steve-O-Reno's

Cabin Coffee

Bliss

Weird Harbour

Pane E Circo

Uncommon Ground

The Daily Grind

Birds Nest Cafe



Lunch/Dinner Spots

Pete's Fine Foods

Cha Baa Thai (\$)

Willy's (\$)

Luke's Small Goods (\$)

Burrito Jax (\$\$)

Rosies Burgers (\$\$)

Sushi Nami (\$\$)

Edna (\$\$\$)



Sweet Eats

The Dairy Bar

Cow's Ice Cream

Freak Lunch Box

Sweet Hereafter

Le French Fix Patisserie

Dairy Queen

Activities within Halifax



Waterfront Boardwalk

Experience the quintessential Haligonian culture down at the waterfront where you can snack on beavertails and ice cream, watch the many artisans at work, and enjoy the beautiful view of our ships and seas you can even catch a ferry to Dartmouth for free with your student bus pass!

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Visit Canada's largest and oldest maritime museum located on the waterfront and discover the stories, people, and events that have shaped the province of Halifax and its relationship with land and sea. (Cost: \$5.50 for adults.)

Citadel National Historic

For \$22, take a tour at the Halifax Citadel and explore the history of the fortress and the soldiers who were stationed there. You can also take a ghost tour there at night.

Point Pleasant Park

Situated in the south end of the Halifax peninsula, this historic 75-hectare park contains over 39 km of easy winding trails and wide paths to explore. Open everyday from 5am to midnight. Great place to go on a run!

Emera Oval

This speed skating rink located right in the heart of the Halifax Common turns into a very popular skating rink during the winter season. Equipment rental for helmets, skates, sledges, and snowshoes are free for loans with valid government-issued photo ID. They also have pickle ball and tennis courts nearby.

Halifax Central Library

This architectural landmark in the city of Halifax is located right next door to the school, which makes it a great place to get away from the studio for a quick break. It has a yummy cafe on the top floor!

Halifax Public Gardens

Established in 1867, these Victorian Gardens are a very popular venue for leisurely strolls and professional photos due to the many floral displays, including exotic and semi-tropical ornamental species, trees, shrubs, statues, and fountains.

The Board Room Game Café

Five minutes away from school, the Board Room Game Café boasts a collection of over 500+ games. \$5 cover lets you play as many games as you want; beer, coffee, and lots of snacks are also available.

Places to Visit



- Peggy's Cove
- Lunenburg
- Cape Breton Island
- Crystal Crescent Beach Provincial Park
- Board Walk Downtown
- Bay of Fundy
- Chester
- Lawrencetown Beach (for surfing!)
- McNabs Island



Events to look forward to!



- Halifax Modern Folk Festival (Sept 30)
- Halifax Colour Festival (Sept 5th)
- Nocturne (October 17 - 20)
- Brewery Market (Every Saturday)
- Magnetic World (Sept 26th)
- Atlantic International Film Festival (Sept 16)
- Valley Harvest Marathon (Oct 10 - 11th)
- Live on Agricola (Every Friday until October, 7-9pm, Open Mic House)



Getting Involved with DASA!



Faculty of Architecture and Planning

School of Architecture

Design/Humanities/Technology/Pro Prac Committees

Dalhousie Student Union

Nova Scotia Association of Architects

Canadian Architecture Students Association

Events Planner (sports + activities + social + film series)

Lecture Series

Nocturne

Studio East



Meeting: Wednesday September 16th @ 1:30pm, Center Studio

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