

Architecture, Urban Studies, Computing and the Arts
SENIOR PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

Due Tuesday, October 28, 2025, to DUS and Senior Project Coordinator

Seniors are responsible for completing this form, with appropriate signatures.

STUDENT NAME:

MAJOR:

Architecture ☐

Urban Studies ☐

Computing and the Arts ☐

PROJECT TITLE:

Attach a draft of your full proposal (approx. 5–7 pages / 1500 words), including a 300-word abstract, a description of site, sources, and methodology, relevant images, and annotated bibliography.

SENIOR PROJECT ADVISOR

NAME:

DEPARTMENT:

EMAIL:

ADVISOR SIGNATURE:

_____ Date _____

SECOND ADVISOR (OPTIONAL)

NAME:

DEPARTMENT:

EMAIL:

ADVISOR SIGNATURE:

_____ Date _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

_____ Date _____

COORDINATOR SIGNATURE:

_____ Date _____

DUS SIGNATURE:

_____ Date _____

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Letter to Senior Project Advisors

STUDENT NAME:

PROJECT TITLE:

SENIOR PROJECT ADVISOR:

SECOND ADVISOR: (OPTIONAL)

Dear Advisor,

Thank you for agreeing to be Senior Project Advisor or Second Advisor for the student named above. Advisors guide and help to evaluate Senior Projects for Architecture, Urban Studies, and Computing and the Arts majors. Upon completion, they submit to the DUS and Senior Project Coordinator a Reader's Report with a written evaluation, which is used to help determine a final grade for the Senior Project. Students have access to evaluations upon request; they are kept on file for five years.

The time commitment for scheduling meetings with students can be distributed in whichever way would be most beneficial to you and your advisee. Many advisors request a minimum of one half-hour meeting per week. *It is the student's responsibility to make and keep appointments with you, and your responsibility to accommodate those appointments.* It is also requested that you attend your advisee's final review.

Please note the following dates:

- **Monday, April 13, 2026, 4:00 pm:** Advisors receive final digital copy of Senior Project.
- **Monday, April 20, 2026, 4:00 pm:** Advisors receive final bound copy of Senior Project.
- **Tuesday, May 5, 2026:** Advisors attend final review with oral student presentation.
- **Wednesday, May 6, 2026:** Advisors recommend final grade to DUS and Senior Project Coordinator.

Please have your advisee return a copy of the attached Senior Project Advising Schedule to Jessica Chauvot (jess.chauvot@yale.edu) by **Friday, January 16, 2026**. Keep a copy for your own records. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

Sincerely,

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Senior Project Guidelines

Senior Project Advisor

The Senior Project Advisor is responsible for shaping the development of the Senior Project, and must be a member of the architecture faculty. During the spring semester students meet with their advisors regularly, *preferably weekly*. Project Advisors are typically faculty members with experience in the subject matter of the student's project; their advice is given priority by the student and by other advisors. Students are expected to meet with their advisors for an average of at least 30 minutes per week during the spring semester.

Second Advisor (optional)

The second advisor serves as an additional resource for the student, and assists the Senior Project Advisor in evaluating the project.

Writing Resources

Students should strongly consider working with a college writing tutor on organization and style, making contact early in order to make the most of this Yale benefit. They should also take full advantage of the Yale College Writing Center.

Format

The nature of a Senior Project may vary, depending on the subject of study. Its scope is articulated in the fall semester through ARCH/URBN 4900 Senior Research Colloquium, and approved by the Senior Project Advisor, Senior Project Coordinator, and DUS. During the spring semester, students develop their work in ARCH/URBN 4901 Senior Project, under the guidance of their advisors. For written work, students submit a bound paper of at least 7,500 words (in the body of the document), with fully captioned and credited images, and with notes and bibliography formatted according to the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Projects should not typically exceed 12,000 words without prior approval. The Senior Project may also encompass a variety of alternative media with permission from the Senior Project Advisor, Senior Project Coordinator, and DUS. Use of AI for exploratory research must be discussed with advisors and fully cited; students are ultimately responsible for all content.

Prizes

Some Yale College senior prizes require nominations by faculty advisors. Many, however, are self-nominated, and deadlines may precede departmental submission deadlines. Students who are interested in submitting work for prizes may consult with the Senior Project Coordinator during the first half of spring semester.

Deadlines

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- **Monday, April 20, 2026, 4:00 pm:** Final bound copy of Senior Project due to all advisors, and also to the Registrar's Office (3rd Floor, 180 York St, New Haven, CT 06511).
- **Tuesday, May 5, 2026:** Final review with oral student presentation at the School of Architecture.

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SENIOR PROJECT ADVISING SCHEDULE

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EMAIL, TELEPHONE: _____

MAJOR: Architecture ☐ Urban Studies ☐ Computing and the Arts ☐

PROJECT TITLE: _____

SENIOR PROJECT ADVISOR

NAME: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

EMAIL, TELEPHONE: _____

We agree to meet regularly, as follows:

ADVISING SCHEDULE: Weekly/biweekly _____ Day _____ Time _____ Location _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

ADVISOR SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

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