



# HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF VIRTUAL DESIGN STUDIO

**Ask Questions:** You are in a unique type of learning environment and surrounded by smart faculty and students, make the most of it.

**Teach yourself:** Even though you'll be learning from your teachers and fellow students, it's important to teach yourself the things that aren't always included in the curriculum. The internet is home to a beautiful, magnificent, constantly-updated treasure trove of tutorials.

**Organize & Catalog:** As you visit websites, make a graphic library; take the time to organize your research and graphics - it will serve as a tool in the future.

**Create Freely:** University and design studio are there to open our minds. Don't let yourself or others close it. Sometimes you can't find the reasons for a design decision you make, Just believe in your ideas and continue to work on it until it is clear. You have these classes of total experimental freedom. Enjoy it.

**Read Read Read:** Look through journals and books. Follow RSS feeds and blogs. Look at websites for current ideas and designs.

**Don't be afraid to question your teachers:** there are many ways to approach landscape architecture design and becoming a clone of someone else isn't always the best way. You'll produce more interesting and individual designs by learning from your teachers, but also questioning them occasionally. Their feedback may not be right, but you have to show why.

**Persevere:** Frustration will be part of your everyday life when designing and exploring solutions. Each assignment will test your resolve, love the work and know the big picture.

**Be Patient:** Listening to an arrogant student or annoying professor might be hard, but there is always something to learn – even if it's just what not to do.

**Learn to Write:** Writing is an important skill in landscape architecture and needed to successfully communicate design ideas. Write. Edit. Google Translate. Visit Writing Center. Repeat. Better articulation results in a clearer design process, you'll develop a better appreciation for what to say during reviews and crits by practicing in writing.

**Stay Healthy:** Design activities can be strenuous, but you'll be far more effective as a fully functioning student than as an overworked zombie.

**Stay Energized:** Eat full meals at proper times whenever possible. When it isn't, make sure to keep healthy snacks available - a tin of nuts or clementines can save your life.

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE OF LEARNING

