



FIRST YEAR GUIDE TO SIAT

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IMPORTANT LOCATIONS

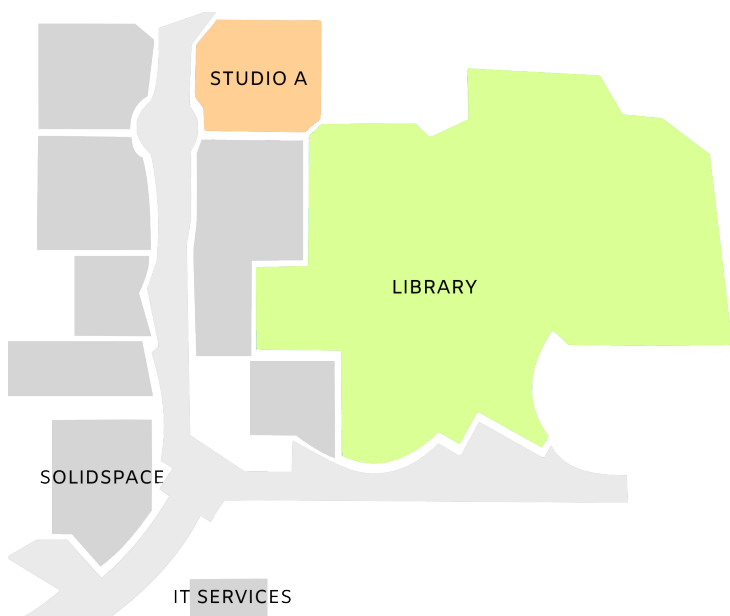
STUDIOS A, B, AND C

These three studios are common workplaces for many SIAT students. The spaces are designated to SIAT students, so feel free to use them as you please! Studios B and C require a keycard to get in and access may depend on courses being taken during the semester. These spaces are made for you to work on projects. Please be aware that these spaces are shared amongst everyone so clean up after yourself after using them.

FRASER LIBRARY

Other than books, there is a lot of equipment you can book and borrow from the library for your projects! The library offers cameras, laptops, tripods, and other equipment for students in IAT courses to use. In order to borrow the equipment, you have to complete a Canvas course first. Be aware that you can't use this equipment for personal use! Everything offered by the library is strictly for course projects and may also be reserved for select courses.





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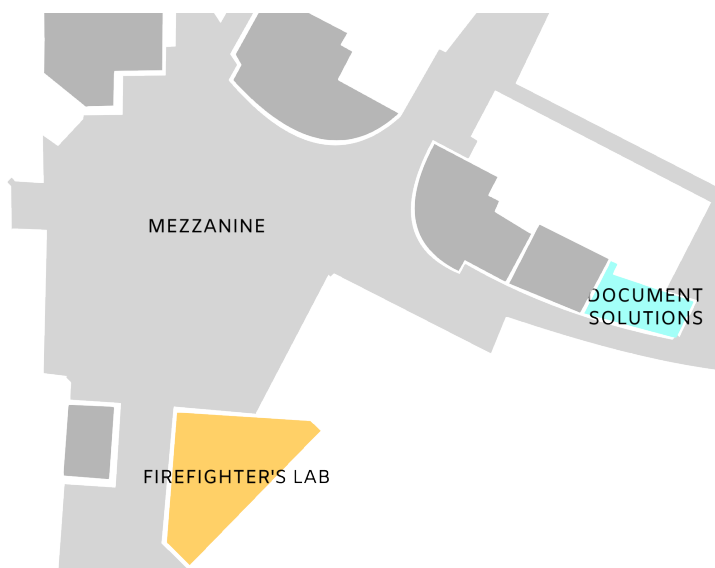
DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS

Many classes require you to print your assignments out on good quality paper for deliverables and so Document Solutions (DocSol for short) is a place you will often go to. Here, you can print different sizes of posters on glossy, matte, or normal paper for a small cost. DocSol offers booklet binding services and a paper cutter for you to trim your prints. Be aware that you need to have your files saved as a PDF in order to print.

It is always ideal to head to DocSol early, and be aware that it may be closed during lunch hours; so if you have any early afternoon classes needing printed deliverables, be sure to print ahead of time.

SURREY CENTRAL FIREFIGHTERS LAB

The Firefighters Lab is a computer lab well used by many SIAT students. The computers in this lab all have Adobe programs on them and also other programs some IAT courses may require. This area is very useful for students who do not have personal laptops or the programs needed for their assignments. There is also a printer available in the room for students who need it.



TEAM ROOMS

There are multiple small rooms on Surrey Campus that students can book on the library website. These rooms can serve as small workspaces for team meetings, group study spaces, or project workspaces (take note that you will not be allowed to work on more hands on projects that may involve knives and gluing in these spaces! Security may ask you to leave if they catch you working on these types of projects).



Many rooms include a whiteboard so students can use them for brainstorming sessions. As with the studio spaces, these spaces are made for everyone to use and it is important to take care of the space after use.

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You will see this cycle a lot in your SIAT career. In this design cycle, you first consider the occasion you are designing for to gain a better grasp of how you can approach the problem. During the ideation stage, it's good to try to brainstorm as many sketches as you can.



Remember: the first idea you have is not always the best idea. You can always ask your TAs or fellow peers for critique just in case.

You must learn to take criticism in your stride and build upon the mistake and advice of your instructors.

-Kenneth Zupan, SIAT Professor

You then prototype your ideas, based on the ones you like best and adjust based on critique and feedback and then create a final product you are proud of.

DO YOU NEED HELP PLANNING COURSES?

SIAT ADVISING

ADVISORS



Naomi Loo



Kim McKay

Your academic advising team is here to support you during your academic journey. They can help with things such as:

- course planning**
- understanding program requirements**
- referrals to on-campus resources**
- providing guidance in your academic decision making**

It is advised that you book an appointment by email (**siat_advising@sfu.ca** or **iat-one@sfu.ca**) with an advisor ahead of time.

Drop in times may change; make sure you check **<https://www.sfu.ca/siat/undergraduate/advising-and-support.html>** for updates!

DROP IN HOURS

MONDAY	1-3PM
TUESDAY	1-3PM
WEDNESDAY	12-2PM
THURSDAY	1-3PM
FRIDAY	1-3PM

what is TechTeams?

TechTeams aims to help incoming students transition into the SIAT program. By being involved with TechTeams, students will be able to connect and build relationships with other fellow SIAT students; plus students will also gain access to important resources and information.

For example, students will be able to get more information on Co-op, exchange programs, field schools, club opportunities, course requirements, and much more.

In short, TechTeams strives to enhance new students' experience in SIAT by introducing them to the SIAT community, resources and opportunities.

Learn more about your TechTeams leaders here:

<http://www.sfu.ca/siat/undergraduate/techteams-.html>



CLUBS & STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

There are many student clubs and organizations that hire SIAT students as designers, these can be good opportunities to build your resume and portfolio or even be a good start to train your skills!



The Peak

Enactus

CaseIT

Student Marketing Association

UNICEF

AIESEC

Other opportunities are often posted on the Interactive Arts and Technology Student Union Facebook page!

We organize amazing events like the annual SIAT Frosh, the FCAT Formal and so much more! The SIAT community is our top priority and we strive to connect with you to make your university experience that much more fun!

don't forget to check these events out!!



Film Fest

A festival where students submit their own films to show their peers. A judging panel will be present to give out awards with prizes!



Formal

A formal dinner and dance at the end of the spring semester.



Socials

A good place to meet your peers and sometimes industry professionals!





what is IATSU?

We are the student body of the School of Interactive Arts and Technology at Simon Fraser University. Beyond that, IATSU is a group of students that are passionate about improving not only their department, but the community within it.

am I a part of IATSU?

If you are taking a course within SIAT, you are automatically part of IATSU! We (the IATSU Executive Committee) are an elected group dedicated to providing opportunities and events for SIAT students to grow, engage with one another, and get the most out of their academic careers.

how interesting!

you've got mail!

The logo for IATSU, featuring the word "IATSU" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter "I" is stylized with a small horizontal bar at the top, resembling an envelope or a mail icon.

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