

The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at The City College of New York
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The Creative Challenge – Entry Fall 2022

All applicants to the Spitzer School of Architecture *must* complete a Creative Challenge form to be considered for admission. Please complete the required information below when submitting your Creative Challenge.

Please see the Spitzer School of Architecture or CCNY websites for more instructions regarding other requirements to complete your application: ssa.ccnycuny.edu and ccny.cuny.edu

- CUNY freshman applicants, applicants to the Macaulay Honors College, transfers applicants, or current CCNY students applying to change their major, must submit/postmark the Creative Challenge by **February 1, 2022**.
- Student must submit a single file, containing all required pages, once.
- All Challenges submitted by February 1, 2022 will be considered in the first round of review in February. Make sure to submit all pages of the Challenge. Mark all pages with your CUNY ID and name.
- NO VIDEO FILE SUBMISSIONS ARE ALLOWED AS ANSWERS. Files may not exceed 250MB and must be in the following format: doc, docx, ppt, pptx, png, jpg, jpeg, pdf, or zip.

Submit your completed Creative Challenge and/or all transfer materials required for admission here:

<https://securetransfer.ccnycuny.edu/filedrop/SSAUundergrad>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
CUNY APPLICANT ID NUMBER		PHONE	E-MAIL
ADDRESS		APT. /PO BOX	
CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTRY

I AM APPLYING AS A:

FRESHMAN CCNY STUDENT – CHANGE OF MAJOR

TRANSFER STUDENT

I have previous architectural training - YES NO

Transferring from which institution? _____

What is your current major? _____

*Please read and acknowledge that you will honor the following rules when completing the Creative Challenge.
Failure to do so will result in your application being immediately rejected by
The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture.*

1. Any medium or technique that you believe to be most appropriate to answer or complete each question is appropriate; this includes collage or other forms of representation. Please stay within the black lines on each page.
2. Your response to each question must be recorded on the corresponding sheet (ex. Question 1 should be answered on the sheet marked Question 1 with the black box and your name and information on the top.) **Do not attach additional pages.**
3. You may *not* draw on the back of the sheets or use additional pages in your responses.
4. DO NOT INCLUDE OTHER MATERIALS WITH YOUR CREATIVE CHALLENGE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.
5. Be sure to print your name and CUNY ID number *clearly* on *every* page of your response.
6. Include *all* pages and questions of the Challenge, *including this page*, with your response.
7. You will read and agree to the Statement of Authorship below and return it in an envelope to The Spitzer School of Architecture by the appropriate deadline to be considered in the first round of review. All Challenges received after the deadline will be reviewed, but not guaranteed any spot in the program before candidates from the first round of review.

I hereby declare that all of the responses contained in this Creative Challenge represent my own work and that I have not received any help from any outside parties, nor has anyone completed the Creative Challenge responses for me. I agree to forfeit my application if any part of this statement is found to be untrue.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *May I use color in my responses?*

A: *Yes!*

Q: *May I use video in my responses?*

A: *No.*

Q: *Do I need to work only within the black rectangular border on each sheet?*

A: *Yes.*

Q: *May I add additional pages to my answers?*

A: *No.*

Q: *May I draw on the back of my Creative Challenge sheets?*

A: *No.*

Q: *Should I call to confirm that my Creative Challenge has been received by the school?*

A: *No. You will receive a confirmation on the submission website when you submit your file.*

Q: *May I call the school with specific questions about my answers to the Creative Challenge questions?*

A: *No. Please see the rules listed on the first page of this download.*

Q: *Is a portfolio required for admission to the Spitzer School of Architecture?*

A: *No. Only transfer applicants from other accredited architecture programs are required to submit a portfolio in addition to the Creative Challenge.*

TRANSFER STUDENT INFORMATION

- All transfer students are required to send an official college transcript to the department as part of their application. All submissions should be sent attention to:

Michael Miller
The Spitzer School of Architecture
The City College of New York
141 Convent Avenue, Room 117
New York, NY 10031
mmiller@ccny.cuny.edu

- If you are transferring from an accredited architecture program, you must submit a digital portfolio with your Challenge as part of your application.
- If you wish to be considered for transfer credit, you must also submit all syllabi and/or course descriptions of architectural coursework with your Challenge.

All materials should be included with your application package by February 1, 2022.

Please be aware that the transfer credit evaluation process is complex and will take place *after* admissions decisions are made.

Dear Applicant,

In keeping with The City College's founding mission, which emphasizes diversity and access, we are giving prospective students of the Spitzer School of Architecture an opportunity to demonstrate their full imaginative potential by responding to this Creative Challenge.

As an applicant to the Spitzer School of Architecture, we invite you to express who you are and how you see the world. Share a bit of yourself with us; your interpretive responses to the following five problems will enable us to get to know you better.

Our best advice is:

- Take your time.
- Remember you are applying for an architecture program – try to frame your responses with that in mind.
- Think about space. Think about shape.

Enjoy, and good luck!

Regards,

The Faculty and Staff of the Spitzer School of Architecture

NAME: _____ CUNY ID #: _____

CHALLENGE 1: Visually represent yourself while engaged in a creative act.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying most of the page. It is intended for the student to draw or create a visual representation of themselves engaged in a creative act.

NAME: _____ CUNY ID #: _____

CHALLENGE 2: Visually represent something moving over time.

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NAME: _____ CUNY ID #: _____

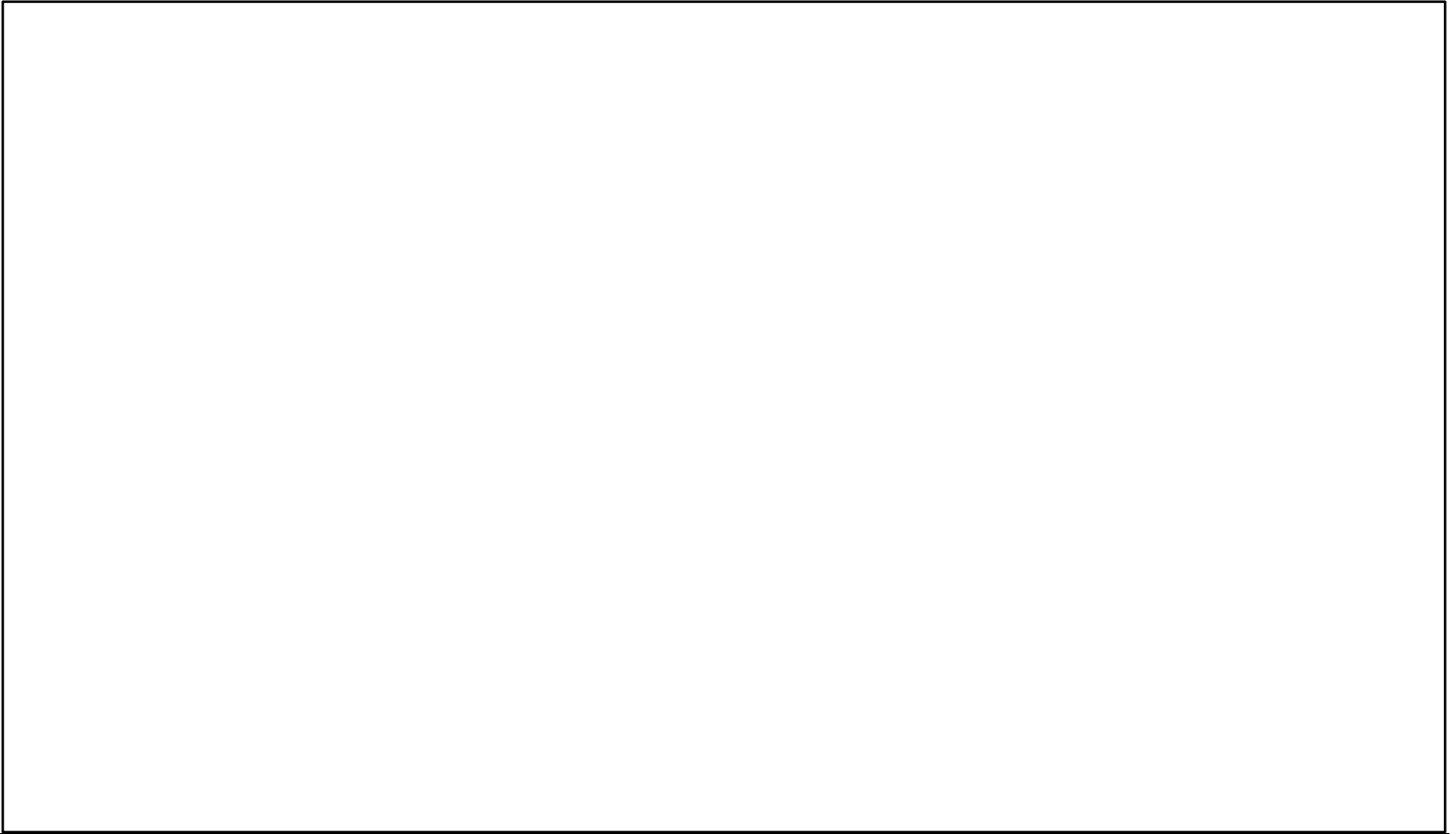
CHALLENGE 3: Visually represent a map and/or path between two places of your choosing.

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NAME: _____

CUNY ID #: _____

CHALLENGE 4a: In your mind, imagine a unique, volumetric shape. Visually represent it below in 3 dimensions.



CHALLENGE 4b: Now, in your mind, rotate the same volumetric shape 90 degrees in one direction. Visually represent the resulting view below in 3 dimensions.



NAME: _____

CUNY ID #: _____

CHALLENGE 5: In 300-500 words, write a description of a favorite place. What is it like? What does it mean to you?

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the student to write their response to the challenge.