How and why did you choose architecture as your major?

I chose Architecture for many reasons. From childhood I wanted to be an architect. Using my imagination and artistic expression, I was able to communicate many of my thoughts to solve problems. As my schooling progressed, I continued to see the potential in what the major teaches you. As an architecture student today, I have learned a plethora of skills and techniques that I constantly apply to both my schoolwork and personal life.

Why architecture at Illinois?

There are so many positives here at Illinois! We have an excellent curriculum with strengths in both the artistic and mathematical side of design. And of course you can’t forget all of the wonderful things U of I has to offer - beautiful campus, athletics, lots of passionate students and great organizations across every major!

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What is your favorite part about architecture?

My favorite part of architecture would have to be studio life. Although you may hear about the all-nighters and deadlines, it is unassailably the most fun part about the major. So many great friendships start from studio and those silly moments during late nights and long work days.

Describe one of your most memorable experiences at Illinois.

In the last few years I have had the privilege of participating in the Illinois Leadership Certificate Program. I would highly recommend this program to all students, especially those in Architecture. Many of the lessons I have learned connect greatly to our field.

“I see myself specializing in design that enriches communities through architecture that increases communication and contact.”