During a first-year architecture studio class, Professor Kenneth Schwartz, who is the director of Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking, guides Ming Hoang Huan, left, and Sofia Lovera, right, on how to approach the existing site of a project location. The model-building assignment requires students to design an outdoor room based on gridded textile patterns from various world cultures. To the far right, Abbie Coit concentrates on her project. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)