College of Architecture

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General Statement
The College of Architecture offers undergraduate and graduate professional programs to prepare individuals to enter the professions of architecture, landscape architecture, construction management, urban and regional planning and visualization. The planning, design and construction of the world's buildings, cities and landscapes involve a variety of professional skills. The faculty of architects, urban planners, landscape architects, engineers, computer scientists, constructors, lawyers, historians and artists, in collaboration with educators in the language, philosophy and culture and natural and social sciences, help students develop an understanding of the physical, social, economic and political forces that shape our environment.

Undergraduate degree programs are offered in landscape architecture, construction science, environmental design architectural studies, visualization and urban and regional planning. Minors in art and architectural history; global art, design and construction; and sustainable architecture and planning are offered through the Department of Architecture. A minor in urban and regional planning is offered through the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning. A minor in facility management is offered through the Department of Construction Science. A minor in art is offered through the Department of Visualization. Master’s degree programs are offered in architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, land and property development, construction management, fine arts and visualization. Doctor of Philosophy degrees are offered in architecture and urban and regional sciences.

Personal Computers
Because of the important role of computing in the disciplines housed within the College of Architecture, all entering students are required to possess a portable, network-ready personal computer capable of running software appropriate to their academic program. Financial aid is available to assist students in their computer purchases. No student will be denied admission to Texas A&M University based on an inability to purchase a computer. Additional information is available on the College of Architecture (http://www.arch.tamu.edu) website or the Department of Visualization (http://viz.arch.tamu.edu) website for Visualization students.

Enrollment Management Policy
Students that are admitted into the College of Architecture enter with a lower level classification in Construction Science (COSL), Environmental Design Architectural Studies (EDAL), Landscape Architecture (LANL), Urban and Regional Planning or Visualization (VISL). All students must comply with the guidelines in terms of coursework and process to be considered for upper level. Until students are accepted into upper level they are prohibited from taking 300 and 400 level courses in their major.

Admission will be effective upon successful completion of in-progress courses. If all requirements are not met prior to the start of the following semester, admission will not be granted and registration in all upper level coursework in the College of Architecture will be cancelled. Admission is not guaranteed. If there are more qualified applicants than there is space available, preference will be given to students based on their academic achievement.

Transfer Students
Transfer students who meet the University entrance requirements and who desire to enter a major field of study in the College of Architecture, will be admitted based on available space and current College of Architecture entrance criteria. Following admission, all transfer students are placed on a 2.5 GPR probation for a minimum of 12 credit hours to substantiate competency in required lower-level courses. Transfer students will be admitted into the college with a lower-level classification and may apply for upper-level status after at least one semester at Texas A&M University.

Transfer students accepted into the Bachelor of Environmental Design degree program must submit a portfolio to the Department of Architecture to receive credit for drawing and design studio classes taken at another university or college, unless the course is listed as an equivalent under the Texas common course numbering system. The review of the portfolio will ensure appropriate studio placement. Additional information may be found on the Department of Architecture (http://dept.arch.tamu.edu/undergraduate/prospective-students) website.

Change of Major
Students currently enrolled in another major at Texas A&M University with fewer than 60 hours who desire to change their major field of study into the College of Architecture must fill out a Change of Curriculum application. Deadlines for applications are as follows:

- March 1 for summer admittance (for Construction Science, Environmental Design Architectural Studies, Landscape Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning, Visualization and University Studies students)
- June 15 for fall admittance (for Construction Science, Environmental Design Architectural Studies, Urban and Regional Planning, Visualization and University Studies students)
- October 1 for spring admittance (for Construction Science, Urban and Regional Planning, Visualization and University Studies students)

Students will be notified of action on their applications within 30 days of the deadline date. The college will admit the best-qualified applicants based on the number of spaces available in their program of choice.

Semester Away
The College of Architecture requires all upper-level undergraduate students to spend one semester studying abroad or at another university, or in a professional internship. Specific information on these programs is available through each department or the Texas A&M Study Abroad Office.

Academic Policies
For Construction Science, Environmental Design Architectural Studies, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning and Visualization...
Majors: Students must make a grade of C or better in every College of Architecture course (ARCH, ARTS, CARC, COSC, ENDS, LAND, LDEV, URPN, VIST) used to satisfy degree requirements. Students must also make a grade of C or better in any course used as an equivalent substitution for College of Architecture courses that satisfy degree requirements.

Majors

College of Architecture
- Bachelor of Science in University Studies, Global Arts, Planning, Design and Construction Concentration

Department of Architecture
- Bachelor of Environmental Design in Environmental Design Architecture Studies

Department of Construction Science
- Bachelor of Science in Construction Science

Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture
- Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning

Department of Visualization
- Bachelor of Science in Visualization

Minors

College of Architecture
- Global Culture and Society Minor

Department of Architecture
- Art and Architectural History Minor
- Global Art, Design and Construction Minor
- Sustainable Architecture and Planning Minor

Department of Construction Science
- Facility Management Minor

Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
- Urban and Regional Planning Minor

Department of Visualization
- Art Minor, New Media Emphasis or Traditional Media Emphasis

Certificates
- Diversity Program - Certificate

Masters

Department of Architecture
- Master of Science in Architecture
- Master of Architecture in Architecture

Department of Construction Science
- Master of Science in Construction Management

Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
- Master of Landscape Architecture in Landscape Architecture
- Master of Land and Property Development in Land and Property Development
- Master of Urban Planning in Urban and Regional Planning

Department of Visualization
- Master of Science in Visualization
- Master of Fine Arts in Visualization

Doctoral

Department of Architecture
- Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture

Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning
- Doctor of Philosophy in Urban and Regional Science