



College of Architecture and Design

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The graduate program in architecture is relatively new, with its first class entering in 1993. However, the School of Architecture, with its professional Bachelor of Architecture program, celebrated its thirty-fifth birthday in 2000. In addition to the undergraduate and graduate programs in architecture, the college also offers an undergraduate degree in interior design. All professional programs in the college are fully accredited, enabling graduates to pursue licensure throughout the United States.

The graduate program in architecture is a first professional degree program. It is designed to accommodate students who come from a variety of academic backgrounds and interests. This includes students who have had little or no previous formal study in the field of architecture but have discovered a deep and abiding interest in the subject. The program also accommodates students who have received an architectural education but have not completed the requirements for a professional degree. These students may receive some advanced standing in the program.

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes two types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture and the Master of Architecture. A program may be granted a six-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on its degree of conformance with established educational standards.

Master's degree programs may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree, which, when earned sequentially, comprise an accredited professional education. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The University of Tennessee Master of Architecture program received a full six-year accreditation as a result of its last NAAB accreditation review in 2002.

The graduate program in architecture defines architecture broadly as the creation of human habitats. Architecture at Tennessee is more than the design of individual buildings. Rather it is dedicated to the shaping of community in the fullest sense of the word. The curriculum reflects the program's recognition that architecture is fundamentally shaped by environmental and cultural forces. As such, the humanities, social sciences, arts, and applied sciences are all brought to bear on the discipline of architecture. It is through design that such issues can be thoughtfully explored and given physical form. Thus design plays a central role in this comprehensive and creative process.

As a professional program, the college is committed to help students obtain the requisite knowledge and skills needed to enter and fully participate in the profession of architecture. At the same time, it attempts to maintain a wide vision and critically reach beyond the profession without losing contact with the realities of everyday architectural practice. Designed to be challenging and provocative, the program allows students the opportunity to develop discernment and judgment, enabling them to find their own voices as designers who are accountable contributors to the built environment.

The offices of the graduate program and college administration are located at 224B Art and Architecture Building.

School of ARCHITECTURE

Professors

Davis, M.K., MArch	Harvard
Kelso, R.M., PhD	Loughborough
Kinzy, S.A., PhD	State University of New York (Buffalo)
Rabun, J.S., PhD	York
Robinson, M.A., MArch	Pennsylvania
Shell, W.S., MSArch	Columbia

Associate Professors

Davis, T.K., MArch	Cornell
DeKay, M., MArch	Oregon
Debelius, C.A., MArch	Harvard
Fox, D., MArch	Cranbrook Academy of Art
Martella, W.E., BArch	California (Berkeley)
Moir-McClean, T., MArch	Michigan
Schimmenti, M., MArch	Florida

Assistant Professors

Ambroziak, B., MArch	Princeton
Dodds, G., PhD	Pennsylvania
Klinkhammer, B., Dip-Ing	RWTH (Aachen)
Stach, E., Dipl-Ing	RWTH (Aachen)

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DEGREE

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

Architecture Major

The School of Architecture offers two tracks leading to the Master of Architecture degree. Track 1 is for students seeking the first-professional degree who already hold a bachelor's degree or an advanced degree in another field. Track 2 is for students with an accredited first-professional degree who seek to develop an area of specialization. Contact the school for additional information.

ADMISSION

In addition to meeting the Graduate Council's minimum requirements, the following specific admission requirements to the Master of Architecture program must be met.

- For Track 1 applicants, a bachelor's degree with a 3.0 GPA from an accredited college or university is required. International applicants must have an equivalent four-year degree and 3.0 GPA. Candidates with a GPA less than 3.0 may be considered for conditional admission when evidence of exceptional promise is identified. Undergraduate work must include at least twelve semester hours of humanities, a basic understanding of physical principles, systems and analytical procedures and an understanding of mathematical principles and analytical procedures, as well as a general understanding of the use of computers. The school requires an essay and three letters of recommendation. A personal on-site interview is desirable but not mandatory. For those applicants from accredited 4+2 architecture programs, a portfolio is required in addition to the above requirements.

- For Track 2 applicants, a Bachelor of Architecture degree from an NAAB accredited program, or foreign equivalent is required. Candidates with a GPA less than 3.0 may be considered for conditional admission when evidence of exceptional promise is identified. Submission of a portfolio to Architecture to include an essay and three letters of recommendation are also required. A personal on-site interview is desirable but not mandatory.
- The general portion of the Graduate Record Examination is required of all applicants. Applicants should take the GRE at least one semester in advance of application for admission.

REQUIREMENTS

- Track 1 requires a minimum of 48 semester hours of undergraduate preparation and 60 semester hours of graduate coursework, taking approximately three and a half years of full-time study. A minimum of four hours of architectural electives or approved electives from another discipline must be taken at the 500 level or above.
- Track 2 requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate coursework.
- Both tracks require six hours of Thesis 500 with a public presentation and oral defense of the thesis. Retention in the program is contingent upon evidence of satisfactory progress toward the degree. Student's progress will be reviewed each semester by the Graduate Program Head. Any questions regarding progress will be reviewed by the Graduate Program Advisory Committee.

For further information, contact the School of Architecture.