



# 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 major 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 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 Master of Architecture program at the University of Tennessee 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 224 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)  
 McRae, J.M., MArch .....Rice  
 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  
 Dodds, G., PhD .....Pennsylvania  
 Fox, D., MArch .....Cranbrook Academy of Art  
 Klinkhammer, B., Dipl-Ing .....RWTH (Aachen)  
 Martella, W.E., BArch .....California (Berkeley)  
 Moir-McClean, T., MArch .....Michigan  
 Schimmenti, M., MArch .....Florida  
 Stach, E., Dipl-Ing .....RWTH (Aachen)

### Assistant Professor

Ambroziak, B., MArch .....Princeton

**MAJOR**  
**Architecture**

**DEGREE**  
**MArch**

## **MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE 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 12 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. Submission of a portfolio illustrating evidence of visual creativity and/or graphic capabilities is highly recommended. 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, 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 4 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 6 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.