College of Architecture and Design
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The College of Architecture and Design offers, along with professional undergraduate programs in architecture and interior design, a professional graduate program in architecture and a new intercollegiate graduate program in landscape architecture, the latter anticipating students beginning in 2008. All programs in architecture and interior design are fully accredited enabling graduates to pursue licensure throughout the United States. With the only professionally accredited architecture program in the state, the College of Architecture and Design has a strong commitment to the integration of teaching, research, creative activity and service.

Once fully approved by the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the college will seek accreditation for the new intercollegiate landscape architecture program. Once fully approved by the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the college will apply for candidacy status with the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board. Candidacy status signifies that the program is demonstrating reasonable progress toward the attainment of accreditation. The LAAB does consider that graduates of a program that achieves accreditation from candidacy status have graduated from an accredited program.

The college offers graduate degrees in architecture and landscape architecture. Each degree program offers a first professional degree (required for licensure), and post-professional, research-focused options drawing upon the expertise of faculty across the college and the larger university community. The first professional degree programs are 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 either field as well as students holding undergraduate non-professional (4+2) degrees in the disciplines. These students may receive advanced standing in the programs.

All programs in the College of Architecture and Design provide a design-focused education centered on the mission of the college to educate future design professionals. In addition to a high-quality, on campus education, the college offers a wide array of study abroad and off-campus opportunities.

The School of Architecture is proud of its long history and accomplishments and celebrated its 40th birthday in 2005. The college resides in an award-winning facility, providing studio space for every student, a fully equipped woodshop, and state of the art digital technology including laser cutters, 3-D digital modeling equipment, computer pools and an image center for printing and digital reproduction needs. The college has a long-standing tradition to use the state as a laboratory for applied research with a direct benefit for the citizens of Tennessee. Facilities for research, creative activity and service include the Nashville Civic Design Center in collaboration with Vanderbilt University, the Urban Program for Sustainable Design Education (UPSIDE), the Knoxville Downtown Studio and the Green Vision Studio.

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

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MAJOR

(This program is pending approval from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Students will be admitted to the major should the program be approved.)

Landscape Architecture is an intercollegiate program composed of faculty from the College of Architecture and Design, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and related colleges and disciplines. Faculty in the College of Architecture and Design and the College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources are responsible for the core curriculum.

The landscape architecture major offers two tracks. Track 1 (first professional degree track) is largely designed to prepare students as critically engaged and well-trained practitioners. This track is for students seeking the first-professional degree who already hold a bachelor’s degree or an advanced degree in another field. Track 1 offers two programs of study:

- A 3-year program for students who come from a variety of academic backgrounds and interests, including those with little or no previous formal study in landscape architecture.
- A 2-year program for applicants holding four-year degrees from pre-professional landscape architecture or landscape design programs.

Track 2 (post-professional degree track) is for students with an accredited first-professional degree who seek to develop an area of specialization. This track provides opportunities for research-oriented studies in subdisciplines, as well as self-directed research in alternative areas of interest.
Retention in the program is contingent upon evidence of satisfactory progress toward the degree. Individual student progress will be reviewed each semester by the program coordinator. Any questions regarding progress will be reviewed by the Program Coordination Committee.

Mission Statement

The core values of the Master of Landscape Architecture Program are based on a design-centered curriculum that promotes ethical imperatives, critical thinking, and sustainable practices. These values are expressed in the cultural, political, and regional realities of designed and naturally occurring landscapes and the responsibility of landscape stewardship. The program is committed to preparing students for leadership roles in the professional practice of landscape architecture, and in related career paths.

Admission

In addition to meeting the Graduate School’s minimum requirements, the following specific admission requirements to the landscape architecture major must be met.

For MLA Track 1 applicants, a bachelor’s degree with a 3.00 GPA from an accredited college or university is required. International applicants must have an equivalent four-year degree and 3.00 GPA. Candidates with a GPA less than 3.00 may be considered for conditional admission when evidence of exceptional promise is identified. The program requires an essay, three letters of recommendation, and a portfolio illustrating evidence of visual creativity and/or graphic capabilities. A personal onsite interview is desirable but not mandatory. For applicants to the 2-year program with a bachelor’s degree from a 4-year preprofessional landscape architecture or landscape design program, a portfolio showing prior design work is required.

For MLA Track 2 applicants, a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from an LAAB accredited program or foreign equivalent is required. Candidates with a GPA less than 3.00 may be considered for conditional admission when evidence of exceptional promise is identified. Submission of a portfolio, essay, and three letters of recommendation are required. A personal onsite 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 (3-year program)

Requires a minimum of 19 hours of undergraduate preparation and 84 hours of graduate coursework, taking approximately 3 years of full-time study.

Track 1 (2-year program)

Requires a minimum of 60 hours of graduate-level coursework.

Both programs require 6 hours of Landscape Architecture 570 or 500, the latter with a public presentation and oral defense of the thesis. Five directed electives must be chosen from an approved list of courses in the following categories – materials, techniques and technologies; history and theory/criticism; visualization/representation; and environmental stewardship.

No more than 3 directed electives may be in a single category. A minimum of 12 hours of directed electives in the discipline or open electives must be taken at the 500 level.

Track 2

Requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate coursework and requires 6 hours of Thesis 500 with a public presentation and oral defense of the thesis.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Professors

Davis, M.K., MArch .................................................. Harvard
Keis, R.M., PhD .................................................. Loughborough
Kinzey, S.A., PhD .................................................. State University of New York (Buffalo)
McRae, J.M. (Dean), MArch ........................................ Rice
Rabun, J.S., PhD .................................................. York
Robinson, M.A., MArch ........................................ Pennsylvania
Schimmenti, M., MArch ........................................ Florida
Shell, W.S., MArch .................................................. 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
Kinkhammer, B., Dipl-Ing ........................................ RWTH (Aachen)
Martella, W.E., BArch ........................................ California (Berkeley)
Moir-McClean, T., MArch ........................................ Michigan
Stach, E., Dipl-Ing .................................................. RWTH (Aachen)

Assistant Professors

Ambroziaik, B., MArch ........................................ Princeton
Ambroziaik, K., MArch ........................................ Princeton
Shelton, T., MPhil .................................................. Cambridge
Stuth, T., MArch .................................................. Wisconsin

MAJOR DEGREE

Architecture MArch

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

ARCHITECTURE MAJOR

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. The college is committed to helping 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.

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 three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted a 6-year, 3-year, or 2-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards. Master’s degree programs may consist of a preprofessional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree, that when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the preprofessional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The Master of Architecture program at the University of Tennessee received a full 6-year accreditation as a result of its last NAAB accreditation review.

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 3.00 GPA from an accredited college or university is required. International applicants must have an equivalent four-year degree and 3.00 GPA. Candidates with a GPA less than 3.00 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 onsite 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 3.00 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 onsite 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.