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General Information

The College of Architecture is a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary unit concerned with the planning, design and construction of the built environment. The college is comprised of the divisions of Architecture, Construction Science, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, and Regional and City Planning. A graduate program in Architecture, focusing on Urban Design, is also offered by the OU College of Architecture at OU-Tulsa.

Students in the college develop the capacity for critical analysis of the context and constraints of physical design, formulate planning and design goals, and acquire specialized skills to attain these goals. Individual professional degree programs offered under the divisions within the college have complementary theory and practice components. The curricula are strengthened by deliberate sharing of courses and by the interaction of faculty and students across division boundaries. Students in the programs have the unique opportunity to work with others preparing to enter related professional fields, as well as exposure to practicing professionals in these fields.

Programs Offered

- Division of Architecture
 - Architecture, Three+ Year Program, Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies
 - Architecture, Four+ Year Program, Bachelor of Architecture
 - Architectural Studies, Minor
 - Architecture, 3½ + 1½ Program, Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies/Master of Architecture

- Architecture via Non-Architecture Bachelor's Degree, Master of Architecture
- Architecture via Architecture Bachelor's Degree, Master of Architecture
- Architecture, Master of Science in Architecture
- Urban Design, Master of Urban Design
- Architecture Graduate Certificates
- Architecture Doctoral Programs
- Division of Construction Science
 - Construction Science, Bachelor of Science in Construction Science
 - Construction Science, Minor
 - Construction Management: Special Studies, Master of Science in Construction Management
 - Construction Management: Thesis, Master of Science in Construction Management
- Program in Environmental Design
 - Environmental Design, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design
- Division of Interior Design
 - Interior Design, Bachelor of Interior Design
 - Interior Design for Non-Architecture Majors, Minor
 - Interior Design for Architecture Majors, Minor
 - Interior Design, Master of Science in Interior Design
 - Interior Design, First Professional, Master of Science in Interior Design
 - Interior Design, Post-Professional, Master of Science in Interior Design
 - Interior Design Graduate Certificates
- Division of Landscape Architecture
 - Landscape Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture
 - Landscape Architecture via BLA, Master of Landscape Architecture
 - Landscape Architectural Studies, Master of Landscape Architecture
- Division of Regional and City Planning
 - Regional and City Planning, Master of Regional and City Planning

Programs & Facilities

Preceptorship Program

The College administers a preceptorship program which permits students of demonstrated ability to complete a limited number of degree requirements as a participant in a professional office.

Summer Program

Selected courses may be offered during the summer session in the College of Architecture. Special summer studies are also offered in international settings.

CREATING_MAKING LAB

Located just a few blocks from campus, the Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture's Creating_Making Lab (C_ML) is a 7,000+ sf lab for students, faculty and staff in the college. In addition to the three bays of woodworking area, the lab also has a metal shop, laser cutters, a plastics room, a paint booth, a lecture area and a photo documentation room.

Users are required to go through two levels of safety training before they can use all of the lab's many resources.

Undergraduate Study

Admission

Admission to the University of Oklahoma (Norman Campus) and subsequently a degree granting college is based upon the admission requirements that are in effect for the semester that a student initiates enrollment at OU. For information on current admission requirements, contact the Office of Admissions & Recruitment, University of Oklahoma, 1000 Asp Avenue Room 127, Norman, OK 73019-4076 or visit their homepage.

Admission to an undergraduate program within the College of Architecture is based upon the program requirements in effect at the time of a student's initial enrollment in any institution (including OU) in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. All first-year students direct from high school are enrolled in University College. All students seeking admission to a program within the College of Architecture must fulfill the following minimum requirements:

1. Completed admission to the University of Oklahoma;
2. At least 24 semester hours of earned college credit;
3. Completion of any curricular deficiencies that may exist in English, Math and/or Science;
4. A declared major in the College of Architecture; and
5. Obtain at least the minimum combined retention grade point average required for graduation from the program he or she has declared. All undergraduate programs in the College of Architecture may require additional admission requirements beyond those listed above. Refer to the respective division section in the following pages for additional information regarding additional program admission requirements.

Transfer Students

An undergraduate student transferring from an institution within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education must fulfill the transfer admission requirements of the University of Oklahoma Office of Admissions & Recruitment. For more information, visit their website.

A student requesting transfer into a program of the College of Architecture from another institution will be considered for admission on a space- available basis, regardless of prior grade point average. Such an applicant, in addition to satisfying all admission requirements of the University and the College, must be approved by the division director for that particular major.

A student requesting to transfer into a program of the College of Architecture from another institution outside of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education will follow the most recent curriculum requirements for the major he/she declares in addition to meeting the

Transfer Credit

The following credit hour regulations are specific to transfer students:

- A maximum of 64 hours of transfer credit from a two-year college will apply to any undergraduate program in the College of Architecture. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.
- At least 60 semester hours applied toward completion of a baccalaureate degree must be earned at accredited senior (four-year) institutions.

- Credits earned in physical education courses or in basic ROTC courses cannot be applied toward the graduation requirements of any degree program of the College of Architecture. Advanced ROTC courses may be applied toward degree requirements only with the special permission of the dean.
- All professional courses not taken at the University of Oklahoma are subject to evaluation for equivalency by the appropriate division of the College prior to the approval of these courses as transfer credit.
- Work accepted from other institutions is subject to validation by the satisfactory completion of at least 30 hours of credit in residence.
- Any student enrolling for the first time at the University of Oklahoma in a design or graphics course offered by the College of Architecture must enroll in the first course in the sequence, unless specifically approved for higher placement based on a review by the appropriate division director of previous work completed by the student.
- College credit for work experience is permitted only under the supervised conditions of the Preceptor Program of the College or approved internship/field experience courses.

Admission Limitations

Admission to the various degree programs within the College is considered on a space-available basis only. Enrollment restrictions are most common in professional programs and courses, and are subject to national standards of professional accreditation review.

College Regulations

LAPTOP REQUIREMENT

Students with a major in the College of Architecture will be required to have a laptop computer. Laptop technologies are used to enhance the learning experience, and using a computer will become second nature to all of our students. See Laptop Policy page (PDF) for Recommendations for the specifications needed, as well as other pertinent information.

Probation and Advancement

In accordance with the approved retention policy of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education a student must maintain a combined retention minimum grade point average of at least 2.00 (C) in order to be in good academic standing at the University of Oklahoma. He or she must maintain at least a 2.50 OU retention and combined retention grade point averages required for graduation from any of the undergraduate programs within the College of Architecture in order to be in good academic standing within the College. A student who earns less than 2.50 grade point averages for his/her program will be notified and required to sign an "Enrollment Contract" each semester his/her retention grade point average is below the minimum required for graduation. A student on enrollment contract may be denied further enrollment in the college if he or she fails to fulfill the terms of the enrollment contract during any semester he/she is on academic notice.

A student who is denied enrollment in the College of Architecture may still be eligible for enrollment in another college within the University of Oklahoma. Students who have been dismissed from the College of Architecture for academic reasons should contact the Center for Student Advancement for advisement regarding continued enrollment at the University of Oklahoma. If a dismissed student from the College of Architecture decides to continue at the University of Oklahoma, further enrollment in College of Architecture courses will be denied.

A student denied enrollment in the College of Architecture may apply for readmission after a lapse of one regular semester (fall or spring). The

student must submit a letter stating why he/she should be readmitted (what caused the poor academic performance and how the problems causing the poor academic performance have been remedied.) Such a request will be reviewed and decided upon by the appropriate division.

If it is the first academic stop, the student's record will be reviewed to determine if it is possible for the student to earn the required grade points in the courses that remain to complete the degree and graduate.

If it is the student's second academic stop, he/she will automatically be denied readmission.

Attendance

The establishment of a specific policy concerning attendance requirements, as well as announced and unannounced examinations, is the responsibility of the individual instructor. Regular attendance in required studio courses is considered essential to the overall development of the student within the professional and pre-professional curricula.

Studio Regulations

A student may enroll in only one design and one graphics course per semester. Any student who enrolls in a studio course with an incomplete in a prerequisite must remove the incomplete prior to the first day of class of the subsequent semester.

Ownership of Work

All work completed or submitted in fulfillment of any requirements of a course in the College of Architecture is the property of the College, which reserves the right to retain, copyright, use, exhibit, reproduce or publish any work so submitted.

Outside Employment

The demands of outside employment during the academic year, with the exception of an approved preceptorship program or internship, may be inconsistent with the requirements of the professional degree programs. Outside employment is not considered an extenuating circumstance in cases of poor performance, excessive absences or failure to submit assigned work on schedule. Students who fail to adequately fulfill course and curriculum requirements while maintaining outside employment may be required to carry reduced course loads. A longer period in residence may result from this reduction in course loads.

Enrollment Limitations

Undergraduate students may enroll in a maximum of 19 credit hours per any regular semester (fall or spring), and nine credit hours in summer. Enrollment in more than the maximum credit hours is permitted only with the approval and signature of the student's academic counselor and the dean of the College. Enrollment in more than the maximum credit hours for any given enrollment period cannot exceed the Oklahoma State Regents' absolute maximum for any given enrollment period.

All students enrolled in courses offered by the College are subject to the applicable rules of the College, including those governing performance reviews and enrollment limitations. Students admitted to the professional program in architecture may enroll in any architecture course for which they are eligible. Students who have been accepted as majors in another division of the College of Architecture will be admitted to those architecture courses which are specifically required for their degree programs.

Student Advisement

Students in the College of Architecture are advised by one of the College's full-time academic counselors. Students schedule advising appointment through iAdvise.ou.edu or call the Academic Advising Services at 325-2444 for details.

Due to the complexity of the program sequences, it is necessary that all undergraduate students meet with an academic counselor during the pre-enrollment periods. Academic counselors are available to answer questions about the various undergraduate programs. The College of Architecture requires semester-by-semester advising. Students are not permitted to self-advise.

Graduation Requirements

Approval for graduation with a degree from the College of Architecture requires completion of all degree requirements listed on the curriculum requirements checklist for the program the student was admitted as well as the graduation requirements set forth by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the University of Oklahoma. See the College of Architecture Degree Requirements checklists for specific degree requirements. Copies of current or past checklists can be obtained from the College's Academic Advising Services Office.

In addition to the minimum graduation requirements set forth by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the University of Oklahoma, the College of Architecture requires the following:

1. A student must obtain the minimum OU retention, combined retention and curriculum grade point averages specified on the requirements check sheet for his or her degree program. **Note:** Specific grade point averages required for graduation from programs within the College supersede the minimums set forth by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the University of Oklahoma.
2. A student must complete at least the minimum upper division (3000 level or above) and total hours listed on his or her program requirements checklist. Total credit hours applied toward graduation must be verified by one of the professional academic counselors in the Academic Advising Services Office. Students are encouraged to meet with one of the College's academic counselors for a degree check at least one semester before the intended semester of graduation. The following are additional College of Architecture regulations regarding total hours applied toward graduation:
 - a. credit hours earned in physical education courses or in basic ROTC courses cannot be applied toward the graduation requirements of any degree program of the College of Architecture. Advanced ROTC courses may be applied toward degree requirements only with the special permission of the dean;
 - b. a maximum of 64 hours will transfer for credit from a two-year college;
 - c. at least 60 semester hours toward graduation must be earned at accredited senior (four-year) institutions;
 - d. no hours for remedial or pre-college level course work may apply toward graduation;
 - e. transfer coursework specifically denied by the division for application toward the curriculum will not count toward graduation;
 - f. courses taken under the student elected Pass/No Pass grading option will not be allowed to count toward fulfillment of any university general education or college curriculum requirements.

Additional information about specific program requirements are described under the respective division sections in this chapter.

Responsibility for meeting graduation requirements lies with the student.

Graduate Study

Refer to the Graduate tabs within the Gibbs College of Architecture's division pages of this catalog for information concerning graduate programs.

- Division of Architecture
- Division of Construction Science
- Program in Environmental Design
- Division of Interior Design
- Division of Landscape Architecture
- Division of Regional and City Planning

Honors and Awards

Distinction and Special Distinction

Students who complete their undergraduate degree in the College of Architecture may be granted a degree of distinction if they have achieved the required grade point averages. The degree with Distinction will be conferred upon students who achieve at least a 3.50 retention grade point average in their OU and combined grade point averages. The degree with Special Distinction requires at least a 3.75 retention grade point average in the OU and combined grade point averages. The final semester's grades will be included in the grade point averages that determine the Distinction or Special Distinction degree.

Honors Degrees

All of the bachelor's degree programs offered by the College of Architecture are available to qualified students as honors degree programs. Student may graduate with honors (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, Summa cum Laude) if they successfully complete all requirements of the Honors College in addition to their regular degree program requirements. Please refer to the Honors College section of this catalog for specific information concerning admission and completion of honors degrees.

Recognition of Academic Achievement

The Dean's Honor Roll is compiled at the close of each fall and spring semester. It includes students who have completed at least 12 grade point hours and have earned an average of 3.50 or higher for the semester.

Students enrolled part-time for both the fall and spring semesters of an academic year will be included on the spring semester honor roll, provided that a 3.50 or better is earned for each semester.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Many scholarships and awards are provided by professional societies, the building industry, and patrons of architecture and the allied arts. The University of Oklahoma has many general financial aid programs which are listed on the Scholarships website

HONOR SOCIETIES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Construction Students Association — An umbrella organization of construction student chapters of AGC, NAHB, and ABC.
- Interior Design Student Association— An umbrella organization related to interior design professionals of ASID, NDA, IES, and DC.
- The American Institute of Architecture Students — A student chapter affiliated with the national professional organization, open to all majors in architecture.
- Student Association, Organization of Black Designers — A student chapter affiliated with the national professional organization, open to all majors.
- Student Chapter, International Facility Management Association — A student chapter affiliated with the national professional organization, open to all majors.
- Student Chapter, American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers — A student chapter affiliated with the national professional organization, open to all majors.
- Student Chapter, American Planning Association — A student chapter affiliated with the national professional organization.
- Student Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America — A construction science student chapter affiliated with the national professional organization.
- Student Chapter, National Association of Home Builders— A student chapter affiliated with the national professional organization.
- Student Chapter, American Society of Interior Designers — A student chapter affiliated with the national professional organization, open to all majors in interior design and architecture.
- Student Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects — A student chapter affiliated with the national professional organization, open to all majors in landscape architecture.
- Alpha Rho Chi — A professional fraternity for students in architecture and allied arts.
- Sigma Lambda Chi — A professional honor society for students in construction management.