See a slide you want to remember? Take a picture!
Part 1
Department and Program Overview
Department of Architecture

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Department of Architecture
By The Numbers…

~ 400 Undergraduate Students

~ 100 Master of Architecture Students

~ 50 Master of Science and PhD Students
Bachelor of Environmental Design

Environmental Design...
• Focused on the built environment
• Studio based experience
• Students learn to synthesize solutions in both proposed or real design contexts.
• Qualifies graduates to pursue a professional M.Arch program.

Subjects Studied
• Architecture
• Arts
• Humanities
• Sciences
• Engineering

Design Knowledge Acquired
• Problem Analysis
• Principles of Design
• Verbal/visual communications
• Construction Techniques
• History
Path to Licensure

Education
National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredits all professional programs.

Bachelor of Environmental Design: 4 years
M.Arch: 2-3 years

OR
B.Arch: 5 years

Experience
Architectural Experience Program (AXP)
3,740 AXP Training Units, can be started after high school

Examination
Architect Registration Examination (ARE)

Licensure
After completing the above requirements, you can apply for a license.
Minimum of 8 years in Texas
WANT TO BE AN ARCHITECT?
The road to becoming an architect is less complicated than you think. Here are the basics:

**EXAMINATION**
By passing the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), you'll demonstrate proficiency in the skills needed to practice architecture.

**LICENSURE**
After you've met the requirements for experience, education, and examination, you can apply for a license. Now you're an architect!

**EXPERIENCE**
Once you graduate high school, you can start earning real-world experience through the Architectural Experience Program” (AXP”).

**EDUCATION**
In most states, you'll need to earn a degree from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

**CERTIFICATION**
Having an NCARB Certificate facilitates licensure in multiple states.

Jumpstart your architectural career today!
ncarb.org/getlicensed

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS (NCARB) HELPS LICENSURE CANDIDATES REACH THEIR CAREER GOALS.
The Degree Program

- 8 semester studio sequence
  - 1st Year: Foundations of Design
  - 2nd Year: Materials and Methods
  - 3rd Year: History and Theory
  - 4th Year: Design and Technology Integration

- Upper Level Application Process

- Study Away Semester Requirement

- Integrated Studio during 4th year
Upper Level Admission

- All students enter the program as lower level (EDAL)
- Apply during March of Second Year
- See it as a progress checkpoint, not a barrier
Upper Level Application Requirements

- Portfolio Review
- TAMU Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- 54 hours of coursework completed toward degree plan
- Completion of all Upper Level Requirement courses
## Courses Required for Upper Level Admission

### Major Coursework
*Completed with a C or Higher*

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Study Away

- During 3rd Year
- Must be Long Semester
- Study Abroad: Spain, Italy, or submit a proposal
- Internship: Student responsible for placement
- Study at another University (Domestic or Abroad)
- Enrolled as Full Time Texas A&M students when on TAMU sponsored programs
Students can declare up to two minors. You can find a complete list on the registrar’s website.

- Sustainable Architecture and Planning
- Art and Architectural History
- Architectural Fabrication and Product Design
- Architectural Heritage Conservation
Part 2
College Success In Five Minutes or Less
Tips for Success

• Go to Class
• Take ownership of your college experience.
• Sleep. Eat. Take Care of Yourself.
• Think of studio as needing the same amount of time as **TWO** regular courses.
• Learn your degree plan.
• Interact with your professors and campus resources **EARLY** and **OFTEN**
• Meet with your academic advisor
• **CHECK YOUR EMAIL**
• Learn the 5 W’s of how you study best
• Get involved, but don’t over-extend yourself.
• Mistakes happen and it’s OK. What did you learn from it?
Building and Parking

• The studio desk is yours 24 / 7
• Storage lockers/ bins are in the studio
• Building doors lock at 6pm - Use your Student ID Card to enter
• Night parking in Lot 54 – Check parking.tamu.edu for permit information
Campus Resources

The Academic Success Center
Offers a holistic approach to help students identify roadblocks to academic success and offers resources such as Academic Coaching, SI and tutoring sessions, workshops, etc. http://successcenter.tamu.edu/Home

Study Hub
Connects students to free academic support resources on campus. Students can search by course, type of support, and location. http://studyhub.tamu.edu/

Student Counseling Services
Provides short term counseling and crisis intervention services to students of TAMU. http://scs.tamu.edu/

Disability Services
Offers accommodations coordination, evaluation referral, disability-related information, assistive technology services, sign language interpreting & transcription services for academic purposes. http://disability.tamu.edu/
Advising

Your Academic Advisor will...
• Help you with your degree plan, courses, and graduation requirements.
• Process paperwork for Q-drops, Minor forms, etc.
• Help with academic issues, professors, or personal concerns, and inform you of campus resources in case additional assistance is needed.
• Be a resource for you!

You, the student, will...
• Be knowledgeable and responsible for your own degree plan.
• Email, or make an appointment when you have questions. (Plan early for busy times such as pre-registration.)
• Schedule appointments at swan.tamu.edu/edas 24 hours in advance.
• TALK to your advisor, your professor, and campus resources if you are struggling!
• There is not a lot we can do to help if you do not contact us until the end of the semester.
• Check your TAMU email. Every day. This is not a joke, and is essential to your success in college.
Emailing Your Advisor (Or anyone, really.)

Do’s

• Dear Sent From My Iphone, Please **include your name and UIN**.
• Use **complete sentences**, punctuation…
• **State your question clearly**.
• Include **pertinent information** (Ex. Course section number, CRN number)
• **Check your resources first**, especially during peak times. (Ex. Transfer Course Equivalency, Google)
• Always **be respectful**.
• Allow an **appropriate amount of time** for a response. **Plan questions and research potential issues** ahead of time.
• Check to **see if your question was already answered in a weekly newsletter**.
• On the flip side, please respond to emails sent by professors or your advisor. Mutual respect in this partnership.

Don’ts

• **ALL CAPS EMAILS**…Guys, please…
• Please **do not send repeat emails** unless you have not received a response within a week.
• **Emails answered during business hours**. (Ex. If you email at 7:00 PM on Friday evening, emailing again Monday morning saying it’s been 3 days is not accurate…)
Get Involved! (With Moderation!)

- On Campus Jobs: Jobs for Aggies
- Student Organizations in Architecture
  - **AIAS** American Institute of Architects Student Chapter
  - **ABC** Associated Builders and Contractors
  - **AGC** Associated General Contractors
  - **AIC** The American Institute of Contractors
  - **ASP** Association of Student Planners
  - **CMA** Construction Management Institute
  - **DBIA** Design Build Institute of America
  - **MECA** Mechanical/Electrical Contractors Association
  - **NAHB** The National Association of Home Builders
  - **NAWC** National Association of Women in Construction
  - **TSD** Tau Sigma Delta
  - **REDA** Real Estate Development Association
- Also new EDAS peer mentoring group!
- [https://stuactonline.tamu.edu/app/organization](https://stuactonline.tamu.edu/app/organization)
Scholarships

- Department of Architecture Scholarship Application: Due December 1\textsuperscript{st}
- College of Architecture Scholarships
- FAFSA.gov or TASFA application
- University Returning Student Scholarship Application
- University Study Abroad Scholarships
- A&M Clubs, Aggie Moms’ Clubs, Lions Clubs, etc.

**If you do not apply, there is a 100% chance you will not get a scholarship.**
Part 3
Registration and Course Info.
(Or Why You All Showed Up Today.)
Little Known Fact: Most Registration Dilemmas Were Solved in 1995.

You’re Welcome, Ags.
My Record Tab: Howdy Portal
Where do topics or processes logically fit? They are not trying to confuse you, I promise.
Courses Numbers

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Section Numbers and What They Mean:

**200s:** HONORS courses

**500s:** Regular courses

**598/ 599/ 700:** Distance Ed., Web Based, or Hybrid (more $)

**800s:** Mostly Hybrid – Half online, half in class

**900s:** Writing Intensive *Exception: KINE 120*
Special Requirements

Foreign Language
Two years of the SAME language in high school (Final high school transcript) or two semesters of the SAME language in college.

Corps of Cadets
NVSC, MLSC, AERS or SOMS

Freshman Seminar/Regent’s Scholarship
CARC 181

Shop Safety Course
CARC 485

Living Learning Community, etc.
Typically a UGST course
Transfer Courses

• If you plan to take classes at a community college over the summer, do your research early. Some courses have prerequisites and fill up quickly.

• Transfer Course Equivalency Website. Use it. Find it through Google.

• I cannot find these classes for you. I do not have access to other college’s class availability, schedules, or prerequisite requirements.

• Send official transcript to A&M Admissions, NOT ME.

If you have not submitted final dual credit transcripts, make sure you do not sign up for classes you already have credit for. I can only account for classes currently in Howdy.
Have You Submitted…

- Final High School Transcript and Dual Credit/Transfer Transcripts
- AP Credits: Send through CollegeBoard
- Cleared all Registration Holds on your account
Folder Overview

Right Pocket
- Rachel Wales Contact Info
- Academic Success Center
- Student Organizations
- Information Technology
- Transfer Class Equivalents
- Advising Appointments
- Texas A&M Core Classes
- AP Class Credits
- Office of Student Services
- NSC Lunch on Campus

Left Pocket
- Academic Understanding
- Degree Plan
- Transcript (if applicable)
- Advising Sheet
- Registration Sheet
Welcome to the Department of Architecture!

Registration will be held at the SCC (Student Computing Center)

Transfer Conferences: 2:00 PM
Freshman Conferences: 2:30 PM