

College of Architecture

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Undergraduate Admissions

ADMISSIONS—PROCEDURE

Admission to the College of Architecture is a two-stage process. First, applicants must be admitted to the University of Houston. Second, applicants must be admitted to the College of Architecture. The College of Architecture is able to admit only a limited number of students. Therefore, the College of Architecture wishes to admit those students who appear to be able to make the most of the resources of the College of Architecture and add to the mission of the college.

Admission to the College of Architecture is normally for study beginning in the fall semester. Preference is given to applications, completed by March 1. Applicants choosing to provide the Admissions Committee with supplementary information that might help influence admission into the college should submit portfolios by March 1. Applications completed after March 1 will be considered on a space-available basis only.

See below for the three categories of applicants:

FIRST TIME FRESHMEN

Enrollment in studio courses is restricted to students admitted to the college. Applicants must apply through the University of Houston application process and meet general university admission requirements (www.uh.edu/admissions/pages/fHome.htm) in order to be considered by the College of Architecture.

Applicants may send supplementary information (portfolio) that might help influence admission into the college, including evidence of creative efforts in design, drawing, photography, painting or sculpture, letters of recommendation, letters of intent and interest, prizes and awards won, competitive recognition, etc. This information must be presented in an 8-1/2 x 11 inch format and contained in a binder clearly marked with the applicant's name and contact information. Do not send original work; send only reproductions. The supplementary information (portfolio) should be received by the March 1 deadline. Send the portfolio directly to the college at:

College of Architecture Undergraduate Admissions Committee
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For additional information, including financial aid, visit www.uh.edu/welcomecenter/. Questions may be directed to Architecture Academic Advisor Julia Treviño at jctrevino@uh.edu or to the College of Architecture at 713.743.2400.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Applicants are considered transfer students when they have completed at least 15 credit hours of college or university work. Applicants who have completed less than 15 credit hours may either be admitted on the same basis as high school applicants, or when they complete 15 hours. Since the College of Architecture will review only those applicants who are admissible to the university, those who will have less than 15 hours as of the March 1 date should apply as high school applicants. Applicants must apply through the University of Houston application process and meet general university admission requirements (www.uh.edu/admissions/pages/tHome.htm) in order to be considered by the College of Architecture.

Transfer Students with no previous architecture courses:

Use the same process as for freshmen students. (See "First Time Freshmen" above.) In addition to the transcripts required for admission to the university, it will also be helpful to send an additional copy of your transcript directly to the College of Architecture Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

Transfer Students seeking credit for previous architecture courses:

Admission to the College of Architecture is normally for the fall semester only and the application should be completed by March 1. Enrollment in studio courses is restricted to students admitted to the College of Architecture. Applicants must first meet general university admission requirements (see Admissions at www.uh.edu/admissions/) in order to be considered by the College of Architecture. In addition to the transcripts required for admission to the university, it will also be helpful to send an additional copy of your transcript directly to the College of Architecture Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

Placement level in design studios is based on an evaluation of portfolios. Applicants must submit a portfolio of academic design work, which should contain examples of class work, accomplished for credit and must be presented in an 8-1/2 x 11 inch format and contained in a binder, clearly marked with the applicant's name and contact information. Do not send original work; send only reproductions. The portfolio should be received by the March 1 date. Send the portfolio directly to the:

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Applicants not submitting portfolios will not be given advanced placement, and if accepted, must begin with the first studio, ARCH 1500 Design Studio I.

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CHANGE OF MAJOR TO ARCHITECTURE (for students who have already attended UH.)

Admission to the College of Architecture is normally for the fall semester only and the application should be completed by March 1. Enrollment in studio courses is restricted to students admitted to the college.

Students with No Prior Architecture Design Course Work:

Submit a General Petition form, indicating a request to change major, to the College of Architecture by March 1. Transcripts of any courses taken at colleges or universities other than UH should accompany the petition. Applicants may submit supplementary information (portfolio) as described below. If supplementary information is submitted, it should be received at the College of Architecture by March 1. General Petition forms are available from the College of Architecture's Dean's Office or from the web at <http://www.uh.edu/academics/forms/>.

Students with Prior Architecture Design Course Work:

Submit a General Petition form, indicating a request to change majors, to the College of Architecture by March 1. Transcripts of any courses taken at colleges or universities other than UH should accompany the petition. Applicants may submit supplementary information (portfolio) as described below. If supplementary information is submitted, it should be received at the College of Architecture by March 1. Applicants must also submit a portfolio of academic design work which should contain examples of class work accomplished for credit and must be presented in an 8-1/2 x 11 inch format and contained in a binder, clearly marked with the applicant's name and contact information. Do not submit original work; submit only reproductions. The portfolio should be received by the College of Architecture by the March 1 date. General Petition forms are available from the College of Architecture's Dean's Office or from the web at <http://www.uh.edu/academics/forms/>.

NOTE: SUMMER PROGRAM

The first year architecture courses (ARCH 1100, 1101, 1500, 1501) are offered as a block in the summer on a limited basis. This series of courses offers students who are transferring or changing their major to architecture the possibility of completing the first year in the summer and going into the second year the following fall semester. All applicants who are accepted for the fall semester are evaluated for participation in the summer program.

Preference is given to those who have completed ENGL 1303:1304 Freshman Composition I, II and MATH 1330 Precalculus or their equivalent. Notification of acceptance will include an invitation to those offered participation in the Summer Program.

The Summer Program is only for students who can attend the full summer and who have no other courses or part-time employment. Those offered the Summer Program may choose to begin in the summer or fall, but must notify the College of Architecture of their intention promptly.

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