

Architecture Program Academic Standards and Policies

Enrollment in the professional program is limited. Eligibility for acceptance is based on successful completion of the first year courses.

First Year Admissions

The Architecture Program offers two options for completing the first year of the model curriculum: the Foundation Unit Studio sequence and the Summer Option Studio sequence.

Foundation Unit Studio

Foundation Unit Studio sequence is offered to freshmen students who have previously demonstrated exemplary academic performance.

Freshmen candidates will be admitted to the Foundation Unit Studio based on an academic performance ranking system that positions the top tier of applicants as measured by the candidate's test score (SAT/ACT), prior college credit GPA, high school GPA, and AP or IB credit. The top ranked tier of students will fill the available number of Foundation Unit Studio positions for freshmen. The number of available positions is determined yearly by the School Head, the Program Chair, the First Year Program Coordinator and Student Services. Students accepted into the Foundation Unit Studio sequence may not defer their acceptance to another academic year.

Fall Semester of the Foundation Unit consists of ARCH1000, ARCH1010, and ARCH1060. Students must receive an "S" in fall semester ARCH classes to be admitted to the Foundation Unit spring semester studio sequence of ARCH1020 and ARCH1420.

Summer Option Studio

Summer Option Studio sequence is offered to Auburn University students who meet the following criteria: a minimum of 27 credit hours of university work, successful completion of ARCH1000 and Calculus I, and a minimum 2.8 GPA. Students should contact CADC Student Services no later than January to request a space in the Summer Option Studio.

The Summer Option Studio sequence is divided into two sessions. Session One consists of ARCH1010 and ARCH1060. During the course of the first session each student's work is periodically ranked relative to that of her/his peers. At the end of the first session the students with the highest rank-in-class are accepted into Session Two, subject to available space. Session Two consists of ARCH1020 and ARCH1420.

Transfer Students

Transfer students must meet the minimum requirements as set by Auburn University to be admitted to the College of Architecture, Design & Construction. They will be advised to begin with the Summer Option Studio Sequence. Transfer students must meet the minimum qualifications for admission to Summer Option. Transfer students should contact Student Services no later than January to request a space in the Summer Option Studio.

Foundation Unit Studio placement for transfer candidates is determined each year by the School Head, Program Chair, the First Year Program Coordinator and Student Services. Up to 20% of Foundation Unit Studio positions may be reserved for transfers each year; however, the positions will only be filled if the transferring student's academic performance is competitive with the Foundation Unit Studio top tier ranking from that academic year freshman admission round. It is possible to have a Foundation Unit Studio with no transfer students. Transfers accepted into the Foundation Unit Studio Sequence may not defer their acceptance to another academic year.

Transfer students from NAAB-accredited architecture programs, in addition to meeting the minimum requirements as set by Auburn University, will be required to present a portfolio of their work to the Academic Review Committee (ARC) for evaluation. The ARC will determine the level of placement in the design studio sequence.

Matriculation to Second Year Studio Sequence

Admission to the Second Year Studio sequence is predicated on the receipt of a grade of "C" or better in both ARCH1020 and ARCH1420. The Grade Adjustment Policy may not be used to progress to Second Year Studio.

Foundation Unit Students

Students that fail to successfully complete the fall semester studio sequence or students not accepted into the Second Year Studio sequence at the end of the spring semester will not be readmitted to the Foundation Unit Program. These students may elect to participate in the following Summer Option Studio session and will be required to participate in the entire summer program. Eligibility is dependent upon Summer Option criteria.

Summer Option Students

Students not accepted to the Second Year Studio may elect to retake the entire sequence of courses during the following Summer Option Session if they meet the admission criteria.

Progress in the Professional Program

In the event a grade of D or F is received in any required course in the major, a review is required for continuance in the program. Based on the outcome of this review, a student may be required to repeat the course or, in the case of design

studios, the entire studio sequence for that respective year-level. Students receiving a second D when repeating a required course will be reviewed for continuance in the program. Similarly, a student receiving a majority of grades of C or poorer may be reviewed for continuance in the program.

Students must maintain professional standards of behavior, as outlined in the Tiger Cub, in all required courses. Failure to do so may be grounds for dismissal from the program.

To proceed to the beginning sequence of design studio at third, fourth, and fifth year levels, the student must have completed all required prerequisite courses for that respective year-level, as indicated in the model curriculum. Enrollment in 3000-level BSCI courses will be limited to those students with a GPA of 2.5 or above and third-year standing in design studio.