

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2023-2024



Remembering the Tulsa Race Massacre, 1921-2021

The 1921 Attack on Greenwood was one of the most significant events in Tulsa's history. Following World War I, Tulsa was recognized nationally for its affluent African American community known as the Greenwood District. This thriving business district and surrounding residential area was referred to as "Black Wall Street." In June 1921, a series of events nearly destroyed the entire Greenwood area. Read more: <https://www.tulsaohistory.org/exhibit/1921-tulsa-race-massacre/>

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On behalf of the faculty and staff we want to welcome you to the University of Maryland Architecture Program. We are happy that you will be joining us and hope that your experience is productive, rewarding, and enjoyable. We have assembled some information to aid you in your transition into our classroom/studio environment.

We are proud of our diverse, inclusive, and respectful community. We embrace a multiplicity of ideals and aspirations that guide us in the design and building of a better world. We understand that collegial engagement and airing of opposing ideas is at the very heart of discourse in higher education. We believe that the freedom to engage, explore, and articulate ideas, even if they are controversial, is fundamental to the academic enterprise. We acknowledge that dispute and debate form the foundations of academic life. We agree that speech that unjustly targets individuals or specific groups is out of place in this environment. We encourage each of you to act as responsible stewards of our open and supportive climate of debate and discourse.

Best wishes for a successful semester!

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ON THE COVER:

The cover images depict the Greenwood District of Tulsa, OK, in 1921 just prior to and following the massacre of an entire African American community in June of that year. Greenwood was a bustling community and was dubbed the “Black Wall Street,” because it offered formerly enslaved people the hope of starting over after the Civil War. However, in 1921 armed white citizens of Tulsa conducted a raid and assault on this community, eradicating an entire portion of Tulsa that African Americans called home. The chapters covering the Tulsa Race Massacre are absent not only from our history books but also in our discussions of urban history (a topic very germane to architects). Historians believe that as many as 300 African Americans were murdered by their fellow white citizens of Tulsa and over 800 were treated for injuries. None of the white aggressors were prosecuted for their actions, but 6,000 African Americans were round up and detained for as long as eight days. Over 35 city blocks of this once affluent community lay in ruins, with churches, homes, schools and businesses succumbing to arson. Take a moment to reflect on this chapter of American history and learn from it. Read more: <https://www.tulsaohistory.org/exhibit/1921-tulsa-race-massacre/>

YOUR SAFETY COMES FIRST:

The University of Maryland Police Department provides an escort service for anyone who feels unsafe when walking across campus. The escorts are conducted by the [Student Police Auxiliary](#) foot patrol program in which Student Police Aides (SPAs) patrol the campus on foot and on bicycle.

If you would like an escort, please call the UMDPS to request one at: 301-405-3555 (off campus) / 53555 (on campus). You may also use a blue light emergency PERT phone to call for an escort.

In addition to the foot patrol program, SPAs are involved in a parking garage security program on campus. As a part of this program, SPAs augment the [Department of Campus Parking](#) PIT Crew and provide jump starts, unlock cars, and give escorts. The parking garage security program operates seven days a week from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

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Note:

The information contained in this handbook is intended to comply with School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation and University of Maryland policies. If information contained herein is in conflict with the above policies, the written policies of the School and University shall take precedence.

Since the school's founding in 1967, successive generations of faculty, students, staff, alumni, and administrators have worked hard to establish a truly collegial environment for teaching and learning about the built environment. The School has many traditions, such as a faculty lunch every Wednesday. Faculty members gather informally to discuss their work and issues related to the School. Some lunches are followed by small informal faculty presentations called a MAPP (Maryland Architecture Planning and Preservation) Salon. These informal events provide an opportunity for faculty (and oftentimes students) to listen to and view one another's scholarly, professional, and creative work. Another institution is the evening lecture series where, throughout the semester, notable individuals address audiences of faculty, students, and alumni. The Architecture Student Assembly (ASA) is the representative organization for all undergraduate and graduate students. The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) runs an active chapter with service activities, a School store, conferences, and social events on the first Friday of each month as well as a spring and fall barbecue, Beaux Arts Ball, Art Auction, and many other activities. An active NOMAS Chapter is an academic, professional, and service organization whose primary objective is to foster communication and fellowship among minority and diverse architecture students. All of these events and groups add to the life of the school. Alpha Rho Chi (APX) is a co-ed fraternity for architecture students and provides a close-knit community sharing brotherhood and respect around the field. Women in Architecture (WIA) serves as the hub for our female-identified architecture students and develops programs to support women in the discipline.

At the undergraduate level students can receive a 4-year Bachelor of Science in Architecture (pre-professional) or 4-year Bachelor of Arts degree that provides a liberal arts foundation to architecture. The accredited professional degree is offered at the graduate level and is a Master of Architecture degree. There are two tracks that lead toward this degree. The Master of Architecture Advanced Standing (referred to as Path-A) is a 2-year complement to the Bachelor of Science degree. The second track to the professional degree (referred to as Path-B) is a 3-1/2 year program that has been designed for individuals with a baccalaureate in a field other than architecture. Though Path B students receive a similar education to the undergraduate students in the first two years of the program, they are taught in separate studios. However, undergraduates and Path B students share many common lecture and seminar courses together. In the fifth semester of the Path B program students join their counterparts in the Path A program in the Comprehensive Studio / Advanced Technology sequence. A student's professional education is capped by an individually authored thesis project. Thesis requirements are established by Graduate School standards. A committee comprised of (minimally) three graduate faculty members guides students through the thesis process. The Architecture Program also offers a post-professional Master of Science in Architecture degree with a concentration in urban design. This program (referred to as Path C) requires that students already hold a professional degree in Architecture.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The student-administered [Honor Code and Honor Pledge](#) prohibits students from cheating on exams, plagiarizing papers, submitting the same paper for credit in two courses without authorization, buying papers, submitting fraudulent documents and forging signatures. On every examination, paper or other academic exercise not specifically exempted by the instructor, students shall write by hand and sign the following pledge:

I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination (or assignment).

Failure to sign the pledge is not a violation of the Code of Academic Integrity, but neither is it a defense in case of violation of this code. Students who do not sign the pledge will be given the opportunity to do so. Refusal to sign must be explained to the instructor. A student's decision about this will not be considered in grading or judicial procedures. Material submitted electronically should contain the pledge, and submission implies an electronic signature. Compliance with the code is administered by the Student Honor Council, which strives to promote a community of trust on the College Park campus. Allegations of academic dishonesty should be reported directly to the [Honor Council](#) (301-314-8450) by any member of the campus community. For additional information, consult the [Office of Student Conduct](#). For a description of the University's definition of academic dishonesty, suggestions on how to prevent cheating, and practical answers to frequently asked questions about the Code of Academic Integrity, consult the [Student Honor Council's](#) webpage and click on the faculty tab.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND DESIGN STUDIO

The following guidelines have been established to clarify the role of academic integrity in the design studio context:

Students enrolled in the 400 level studio courses are evaluated on the basis of the mastery of knowledge, design ability, and the demonstration of skill, thus students enrolled in ARCH 400-407 are to be the sole author and sole executor of their projects. Students should be aware that there is a difference between critique, assistance, and authorship. Generally, critique is permitted in the ARCH 400-407 studios, while limitations exist in the areas of assistance and authorship:

Critique: Because Architecture is taught and studied in a university context, the faculty and administration encourage the free and open exchange of knowledge. Students should feel free to share ideas, to look at each other's work, and to engage in a critical discourse concerning the development of architectural ideas and forms throughout their career in architecture school. Indeed it is acceptable for students of all levels to communicate their ideas in verbal as well as visual form. That is, students who are engaged in an exchange of ideas in architecture will naturally have to communicate by making drawings and diagrams, often of each other's work, in order to facilitate discourse.

Assistance: Students in the 400 level studios are required to demonstrate their skill levels, in drawing, model-making, digital modeling, etc. When another person makes, in whole or in part, the drawings, models, and/or computer-models for a student enrolled in ARCH 400-407, this constitutes a situation that has transgressed the boundaries of critical discourse. All drawings, models, digital-models, etc. submitted by students in ARCH 400-407 are to be crafted solely by the author. Students in the ARCH 400-407 studios may not receive assistance, in whole or in part, in the completion of their drawings, models, or digital models.

Authorship: When a student is an active participant in the design process of another, and/or when a student actually made the designs, drawings, or models for another student enrolled in studio, this constitutes a situation that transgressed the boundaries of critical discourse. Since a mastery of knowledge and design ability is a criteria for evaluation in this course sequence, it is essential that a student enrolled in the any portion of the studio sequence be the sole author of his or her design work (with the exception of group design projects).

In all design studios above ARCH 407 the faculty will specifically outline the parameters for assistance that is deemed to be both appropriate and acceptable to the pedagogical agenda of the course.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND THESIS PROJECTS:

Master's Thesis Assistance Policy

Approved 18 April 2007

Introduction

This "Thesis Assistance Policy" has been developed to support the spirit of mentorship and collegial learning that is part of the studio culture in architecture, to affirm the standards of academic integrity, and to promote equity and a sense of fair play among the students soliciting and or receiving assistance.

Background

Students working on one another's studio projects has been a part of the architectural educational experience for centuries: initially created and sustained to this day through apprenticeship or internship educational experiences and requirements; codified in the architectural education system initiated and sustained by the Ecole des Beaux Arts from approximately 1667 until 1969; and adopted as a model by the US academic system of higher education circa 1890. In apprenticeship and Ecole des Beaux Arts models, senior students taught younger students; younger students in turn assisted on the projects of the senior students; faculty provided criticism to the senior students with younger students in attendance. Valuable elements of these educational models are retained in a variety of forms in architecture programs today. One such form has been that of "thesis assistance" that has been part of the architecture program at Maryland beginning with the first thesis class and extending to the present day.

History of Thesis Assistance at Maryland

The Masters thesis program was begun in 1984, concurrent with the initiation of the Masters degree program. Having experimented with a thesis project for the Bachelors' program, the faculty saw the importance of a culminating, nominally independent final project of the student's choosing as an appropriate conclusion for a graduate, professional program in architecture.

From its first accreditation in 1990, the thesis program was commended as an appropriate conclusion and summary educational experience, helping to assure the high quality of the degree through a broadly supervised two semester project whose scope provided a demonstration of comprehensive programming, site analysis and building design skills. It was understood that the public defense of the thesis design would animate the intellectual life of the School, and the idea of student and limited alumni assistance to the candidates, while not addressed in early policy, has been widely embraced, although it has raised issues over the years. Students who graduate do so with the mostly acknowledged assistance of their junior colleagues and others in accordance with the spirit of acknowledgement contained in the Code of Academic Integrity. Likewise acknowledgement is given in the thesis document, and often feel compelled to return the contribution in semesters following their graduation. This activity has the valued effect of keeping these graduates in touch with the School and bringing information about career opportunities to the current students.

In the mid-1990's certain students emerged as managers capable of enlisting what was seen to be excessive numbers of helpers, which raised concerns about equity. In the Spring of 2005, numbers of friends and family assisted several students, raising concerns about the qualifications and contributions of thesis helpers. These concerns along with the desire to provide a clear conceptual framework for the definition, intent, and boundaries of assistance to master's thesis candidates ("assistance") have resulted in the development of this policy.

Intent

The intent of the policy is to promote intellectual collegiality among the students and alumni of the architecture program and meet the goals and requirements of the Code of Academic Integrity, by defining the boundaries of assistance, formalizing procedures that promote an equitable arrangement for all students, and promoting engagement of the school body with the thesis program, while generally allowing for the variety of processes and production methods thesis candidates employ currently, and those that may arise in the future.

Definition of Assistance

Assistance to master's thesis candidates within the context of this policy is broadly defined as time offered voluntarily and without compensation to a thesis candidate to aid in the development and production of

materials to be presented at the final thesis review, of which the thesis candidate is the sole intellectual author.

Procedures for Securing Assistance

To promote equity in securing assistance for all thesis candidates interested in having assistance, and to make the thesis process more visible, the following procedures are defined:

1. Thesis candidates may choose whether to solicit or accept help.
2. Thesis candidates desiring assistance are encouraged to solicit students through informal mentorship such as offering guidance and advisement, providing desk critiques, and attending studio reviews.
3. To solicit assistance, thesis candidates as a class should make public a presentation of thesis projects for that semester after each thesis meeting, or minimally after the third thesis meeting at the discretion of the thesis coordinator and thesis class. Each participating candidate should make a brief verbal and graphic presentation to describe the thesis.
4. Thesis candidates are responsible for communicating their intent regarding assistance to other candidates in the thesis class, and the thesis coordinator.

Boundaries

To maintain the academic integrity of each thesis, and promote an equitable arrangement for all thesis candidates, the following boundaries are defined:

1. All presentation materials (documents, drawings, and models, etc.) must be conceived, and designed by the candidate. No document or model may be presented by the candidate in a medium with which he or she has no previously demonstrated facility, unless the candidate produces it him/herself with no assistance.
2. Acknowledgment of assistance is in the spirit of Academic Integrity. Explicit credit for assistance must be given by the candidate at the final presentation and acknowledged in the thesis document.
3. Documents, drawings, and models for presentation may be produced with the assistance of current students in the University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, & Preservation and alumni within two years of graduation only.
4. Candidates may accept assistance from other professional and non-professional sources in the form of mentorship, critiques, and demonstrations, but may not accept assistance on presentation and thesis document materials.
5. Those without architectural training are prohibited from assisting in the production of presentation materials in the studio.
6. No compensation (monetary or otherwise) is to be proffered or accepted in payment for any assistance.
7. No candidate may accept assistance from a number of students that would deny other thesis candidates the opportunity to secure student assistance.
8. Thesis students who are Teaching Assistants may not solicit or accept assistance from students enrolled in courses when the Teaching Assistant is in a position of authority over the student (recitation sections, grading, etc.).

ACADEMIC/STUDIO CULTURE POLICY

Overview

The University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation Architecture Program values design studio education and encourages an academic environment conducive to learning made through thoughtful connections between studio and nonstudio courses. The design studio, and the studio education model is the foundation of the curriculum. Studio learning encourages critical discourse based on collaboration, creativity, and learning through making. A healthy academic/studio culture engenders an environment where students and faculty come together to ask questions and make proposals, innovate with today's knowledge to address tomorrow's challenges. Studio education provides opportunities for students to develop their critical thinking skills and design process. The design studio offers both an analytic and a synthetic form of education, where critical learning becomes the foundation for developing an understanding of architecture: to improve the quality of the built and natural environments. The academic/studio culture must support and develop respect for the diverse backgrounds of the faculty and students educational and professional experiences, and approaches to design.

Academic/Studio Core Values

- Balance: Life and Study – Respect diverse interests and exposures as well as time commitment and time management
- Design: Process and Product – the development of a rigorous approach to architectural design which stresses the clarity of communication and the ability to create tangible results from conceptual solutions to a posed problem or condition, embracing design as an opportunity to affect positive change
- Critique: Engagement and Evaluation – The measure of student performance transcends letter grading, commitment to public review of work as a means of public engagement and discourse, the value of critique and critical evaluation in respectful dialogues of debate and discussion
- Communication: Collaboration and Conversation – The value of intellectual diversity and the inclusion of multiple voices in the classroom and in the discourse between students and faculty
- Diversity: Respect and Perspective – The value of mutual respect and the benefits of multiple perspectives of gender, race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, etc. to the making of place in the school

Academic/Studio Culture Policy Goals

- Nurture learning environments derived from faculty/student collaboration and the sharing of ideas and concepts through critical discourse
- Encourage creativity, exploration, and rigor in pursuit of academic development
- Appreciate the value of time
- Support the achievement of architectural design excellence and enable the student to develop individually within the discipline of architecture
- Create a climate of respect and diversity where ideas may be freely exchanged among students and faculty
- Require preparedness and enthusiasm for learning in both the studio and classroom from faculty/students

Student | Faculty | Administration Relationships

Respect and responsibility are the foundation for strong relationships between students, faculty, and administration. In order to cultivate and develop a healthy studio culture, each party must live up to their responsibilities and respect the time and responsibilities of others. These relationships are strengthened by open communication about expectations and values. Studio/academic culture of our school develops an environment where students work side by side with faculty, fostering unique faculty/student relationships different than ones outside of the this culture. It takes a collaboration of efforts to encourage and ensure clear and open communication, mutual respect and understanding within these relationships to serve our collective academic mission.

Student Development

Students are responsible for their own education. What a student gets out of school is in proportion to the effort and time the student puts into it. Students have a right to receiving the best efforts of their faculty and in

return should be giving all classes their best efforts. At any point of a breakdown of compliance, a student's first restitution is open conversation with the party, whether faculty or student, they are having difficulty with. This is in harmony with studio culture's task to foster mature attitudes in providing and receiving critical feedback.

Responsibility of students:

- respect class time
- participate in extra-curricular activities and your surroundings
- prepare for class/studio with assignments and readings and participate in academic discourse
- be open-minded about criticism and engage in healthy discussion and debate
- communicate problems, concerns, and positive actions with faculty and administration
- keep personal and common areas clean
- embrace differences in values, background, and interests of other students and faculty
- engage the community and profession

Faculty Development

Faculty members are responsible for educating, inspiring and mentoring students. They are responsible to bring their full passion for architecture and wealth of experience to class and provide attention to each student. Faculty members have the right to require academic dedication and critical attention of their students. Faculty is to lead by first practicing the core values of academic/studio culture.

Responsibility of faculty:

- respect class time
- lead by example and embody the ideals of life learning and continuing education
- communicate goals, expectations, and deadlines of the course at the beginning of the semester and as they change throughout the course
- provide documentation of schedule for classes at the beginning of the semester
- facilitate healthy debate and discussion
- respect differences in values, background, and interests of students and other faculty
- engage community and profession

Administrative Development

The Administration is responsible for upholding the vision and direction of the school and engaging faculty and students in decisions about the future of the program. The Administration is also responsible for facilitating the faculty and students living up to their responsibilities.

Responsibility of administration:

- provide a healthy and safe learning and work environment
- maintain condition of building and physical resources
- support a challenging and diverse curriculum (lectures, concerts, gallery events etc.)
- manage resources to provide opportunities for scholarships and study abroad
- respect differences in values, background, and interests of other students and faculty
- communicate expectations to students and faculty
- engage the community and profession

Policy Implementation

The explicit goal of the Academic/Studio Culture Policy is to support a positive academic/studio culture. This policy requires the commitment of the school administration, architecture faculty, and architecture students. The Academic/Studio Culture Policy must be reviewed annually by the Architecture Program Curriculum Committee, and student representatives from the Student Assembly. This review is intended to ensure that the policy reflects the continuous development of the architecture program to ensure the policy goals are being met. Revisions to the policy will be made as needed and must be ratified by both the faculty and student bodies after each revision. If any party (student, faculty, admin) feels that another party is not operating in accordance with the overview, core values, and policy goals they have the obligation to clarify their position with the other party. The first step in clarifying academic/studio policy issues is party-to-party discussion

(faculty to student, student to faculty, students to administration, etc). The second step, if necessary, is for both parties to meet in consultation with the Student Assembly Ombudsperson person to resolve the issue through candid discussion. The third step, if necessary, is for the parties to discuss the issue in consultation with the Architecture Program Director. If the issue is not resolved through the first three steps, the fourth and final step is to seek resolution of the issue through the policy arbitration system. This fourth and final step is the last of means of resolution for a studio culture policy issue. Any issues related to studio culture policy arbitration system will be heard by an ad-hoc committee convened to act as a Studio Culture Policy Review Committee. This committee will be comprised of the following persons: Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, 2 faculty members, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, MAPP Equity Officer, the Student Assembly Ombudsperson, 2 undergraduate student representatives selected by the Student Assembly, 2 graduate student representatives selected by the Student Assembly.

Policy Arbitration Process

If any party to the academic/studio culture relationship structure (individual student, group of students, faculty, administration) feels that another party is not acting in the spirit of the Academic/Studio Culture Policy then they are entitled to file an Arbitration Request with the Architecture Program Director. The intent of this process is to provide a mechanism for the timely resolution of a academic/studio culture policy related issue within the course of a semester or outside the semester boundaries. Once a request for arbitration has been made a Academic/Studio Culture Policy Review Committee must be formed and convene to hear both sides of the issue presented by both parties with five school days of the request being filed with the Architecture Program Director. Once the Academic/Studio Culture Policy Review Committee convenes to hear the issue from both parties they have two days to complete a committee report and reconvene a Arbitration Session of the parties involved in the arbitration. The Academic/Studio Culture Policy Review Committee will hear both parties explain their point of view on the issue(s) raised in the Arbitration Request individually and bring the parties together only after the Academic/Studio Culture Policy Review Committee has completed their committee recommendation. The committee recommendation is presented verbally at the Arbitration Session and serves as a guide for both parties to clarify and/or resolve the issue(s) at hand.

Policy Implementation Outline

1. Step 1: Party to Party Conversation
2. Step 2: Both Parties meet with Student Assembly Ombudsperson
3. Step 3: Both Parties meet with Architecture Program Director
4. File Policy Arbitration Request: Complete Arbitration Request Form and file with Director of the Architecture Program
5. Assemble Committee: Director receives request and assembles Academic/Studio Culture Policy Review Committee within 5 days of Request (or at the discretion of the Director)
6. Convene First Arbitration Session: Chair of Student Affairs Committee convenes an Academic/Studio Culture Policy Review Committee Arbitration Session to hear verbal positions presented from both parties.
7. Meet to compile Report/Recommendation: Academic/Studio Culture Policy Review Committee meets to complete report and define recommendations
8. Convene Second Arbitration Session: Academic/Studio Culture Policy Review Committee reconvenes Arbitration Session within two days (or at the discretion of the Director) of first Arbitration Session to make verbal presentation of recommendation
9. Process complete

Arbitration Request

Please check one of the request types below. Please list up to five names of those parties filing the request below.

Request Type Name(s)

individual (1 student) _____

group (2 or more students) _____

studio/course (all enrolled in class/section) _____

class (Jr, Sr, 1st year grad, thesis, etc.) _____

faculty _____

administrator please designate the party you request be reviewed in this process below (circle one)

Student | Faculty | Administrator

Date of Request Date of Policy Review Arbitration

This Arbitration Request must be submitted to the Architecture Program Director. This date is to be set within five school days of the request. Please circle the Core Value(s) or Policy Goal(s) you feel requires review from the list below (circle as many as apply). Please initial below to confirm first three steps are complete.

Academic/Studio Core Values Step 1 complete

- Balance: Life and Study Step 2 complete
- Design: Process and Product Step 3 complete
- Critique: Engagement and Evaluation
- Communication: Collaboration and Conversation
- Diversity: Respect and Perspective

Academic/Studio Culture Policy Goals

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- Encourage creativity, exploration, and rigor in pursuit of academic development among students and faculty
- Appreciate the value of time
- Support the achievement of architectural design excellence and enable the student to develop individually within the discipline of architecture
- Create a climate of respect and diversity where ideas may be freely exchanged among students and faculty
- Require preparedness and enthusiasm for learning in both the studio and classroom from faculty and students

Please provide a brief description of the issue for review by the Studio Culture Policy Review Committee

List the issue(s) for Review:

ADVISING

Undergraduate students seek advising from the Undergraduate Advising Office. The Undergraduate Advisors can be reached via archadvise@umd.edu and appointments are available throughout the week. If you have questions about Undergraduate Advising, contact the Director of Student Services, Kristen Stack (kjstack@umd.edu).

The University Student Academic Success -Degree Completion Policy states “all students are expected to demonstrate continuing progress in their majors by completing prerequisite or required courses with the appropriate grades, and by completing other requirements consistent with graduation progress or benchmarks established by their academic units.” See: <http://www.ugst.umd.edu/academicsuccess.html>

One tool to help students meet these benchmarks and requirements for graduation is the 4-year academic plan. Students pursuing an undergraduate degree are required to develop an individual plan (see website) and to review that plan each semester with an academic advisor. The Director of Student Services oversees the work of the Undergraduate Advising Office.

Information about the graduate advising cycle can be found at: www.arch.umd.edu/arch/student-services.

The Architecture Program faculty members serve as faculty mentors.

ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (AXP)

All of NCARB’s 54 U.S. jurisdictions have an experience requirement that must be documented and completed before one becomes licensed. This time between fulfilling the education requirement and getting licensed is referred to as an architectural internship. NCARB’s Architectural Experience Program (AXP) guides interns through this process and is the standard accepted means of completing the experience requirement in almost all U.S. jurisdictions. Download the [AXP Guidelines](#) for complete program rules and requirements.

To learn about the other registration requirements, see [Destination Architect](#).

Periodically the architecture program will host AXP information sessions and workshops. All students are strongly encouraged to attend. Professor Britt Williams is the Architecture Program’s AXP Coordinator. Any questions concerning AXP should be directed to Professor Williams.

ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM COMMITTEES WITH STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

To conduct its business, the Architecture Program solicits student participation in its standing and ad-hoc committees and task forces. The Architecture Program Director typically invites nominations from the Student Assembly. If no nominations are forthcoming, the Director will appoint student representatives. The Director is ultimately responsible for the selection of student to participate in these committees.

Academic/Studio Culture (Standing Committee)

Graduate Student Representative
Undergraduate Student Representative

Diversity (Standing Committee)

Graduate Student Representative
Undergraduate Student Representative

Curriculum (Standing Committee)

Graduate Student Representative
Undergraduate Student Representative

ATTENDANCE AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCE POLICIES

Student attendance in courses is vital to the success of the student and the course. Thus, attendance is required in courses in the Architecture Program. Please refer to the syllabi of each course for specific policies regarding excused and unexcused absences.

AWARDS AT COMMENCEMENT

Architecture Thesis Award is awarded to a graduate student for excellence in the Master of Architecture Thesis.

Alpha Rho Chi Medal is a national award that recognizes a Master of Architecture degree candidate in the Architecture Program for leadership, service, and professionalism.

American Institute of Architects Henry Adams Certificate is a national award that recognizes a Master of Architecture degree candidate in the Architecture Program for outstanding academic excellence.

American Institute of Architects Henry Adams Medal is a national award that recognizes a Master of Architecture degree candidate in the Architecture Program for highest academic excellence.

Center for Teaching Excellence Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards. At the end of each academic year, the graduate teaching assistants from campus, who have been named as the most outstanding by their departments, are recognized and honored. These awards are sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence, the Dean for Undergraduate Studies, and the Dean of the Graduate School. Deadline for nominations: mid-March.

Dean's Graduate Assistant Award is presented to a graduating student in each academic program who has exemplified outstanding work performance.

Faculty Awards for Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement recognizing Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Science degree candidates.

Faculty Awards for Design Excellence and Design Achievement recognizing Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Science degree candidates.

Alumni Chapter Award recognizes a Master of Architecture degree candidate and a Bachelor of Science degree candidate for service to the community.

CALENDAR:

The official Architecture Program Calendar is located on the web at:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=hgc1bfnd7me42qs2ph6ci0l2s%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

COURSES AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS – TRANSFER CREDITS

From time to time a student may wish to take a course at an institution other than the University of Maryland. In order to qualify for transfer credit from another institution, the student must be in good academic standing in the University and in the Architecture Program (ARCH GPA must be at least 2.0 for undergraduate and 3.0 for graduate students). The University guidelines for transfer of credit can be found at:

Undergraduate and Graduate <http://www.tce.umd.edu/>

Additional Grad Info: <http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/Catalog/policy.php?the-academic-record#transfer-credits>)

Graduate Students seeking transfer credit should be aware of the following additional procedures followed by the architecture program:

1. The student must petition the Director of the Architecture Program at least one semester **prior to** enrolling in coursework at another institution. The student must provide:
 - a. A letter describing coursework, how it fits with the student's curricular plan, and the reasons to undertake study at another institution.
 - b. The name of the institution and unit offering the course.
 - c. The accreditation status of the institution and the program offering the course.
 - d. A copy of a syllabus for the course(s) for which transfer credit is proposed.

2. The Director will consult with the Architecture Program Curriculum Committee (APCC) to determine if the coursework is eligible for consideration of transfer credit.
 - a. If a similar course is offered at the University of Maryland the APCC may at its discretion deny transfer credit.
 - b. Studio courses are generally not approved for transfer credit unless a prior arrangement has been made between the University of Maryland Architecture Program faculty and the institution from which transfer credit is sought.
 - c. The APCC may impose a requirement to review coursework executed by the student prior to granting transfer credit.
 - d. In no cases (undergraduate or graduate) may a grade lower than B (3.0) be accepted for transfer credit.
3. The Director will inform the student of the APCC's decision in a timely manner.

COURSE EVALUATIONS

The campus-wide online course evaluation system is CourseEvalUM. The Provost would like to see campus participation average 70% or better. Student participation in this system makes a real contribution to our academic programs. Faculty and administrators value this student feedback, and students benefit from having evaluation data for all courses readily available.

Students can go directly to the website (<https://courseevalum.umd.edu/>) to complete their evaluations. Students will be alerted via their official University e-mail account to the opening and closing dates for on-line course evaluations. Students who complete evaluations for all of their courses in the previous semester (excluding summer), can access the posted results via Testudo's CourseEvalUM Reporting link for any course on campus that has at least a 70% response rate.

EVALUATION OF PREPARATORY/PRE-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

A condition of admission with advanced standing in the Architecture Program is documentation to verify completion of National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) accreditation criteria that applicants have satisfied in prior coursework at their undergraduate institution. This requirement is now a condition of accreditation for all NAAB accredited architecture programs. The relevant text from the NAAB 2020 Conditions for Accreditation below:

PART FOUR (IV) SECTION 3—EVALUATION OF PREPARATORY EDUCATION

The program must demonstrate that it has a thorough and equitable process for evaluating the preparatory or pre-professional education of individuals admitted to the NAAB-accredited degree program.

- Programs must document their processes for evaluating a student's prior academic course work related to satisfying NAAB accreditation criteria when a student is admitted to the professional degree program.
- In the event a program relies on the preparatory educational experience to ensure that admitted students have met certain accreditation criteria, the program must demonstrate it has established standards for ensuring these criteria are met and for determining whether any gaps exist.
- The program must demonstrate that the evaluation of baccalaureate-degree or associate-degree content is clearly articulated in the admissions process, and that the evaluation process and its implications for the length of a professional degree program can be understood by a candidate before accepting the offer of admission. See also Condition II.4.6.

[NOTE: A review of course titles and descriptions in and of itself is not considered sufficient for this activity.]

FABRICATION LAB

The School has a fabrication lab with tools for manual and digital fabrication. Students can obtain access to these facilities after completion of a safety-training course. Small hand tools may be borrowed from the fabrication lab for use in the studio areas of the building. The use of power tools is restricted to the fabrication lab. Students may not bring personal power tools into the studio or Great Space. If you have any questions about the policy contact David Atwater, Assistant Clinical Professor for the FabLab.

FIELD/CLASS TRIPS

Field trips augment classroom learning with direct experience. Students are reminded that they are ambassadors of the University when they participate in off-campus functions and should conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the host culture.

GRADES

Students deserve the right to understand how their grade was determined. The course syllabus will outline the major grading criteria for the semester. Individual assignment, quiz, and examination grades should be supported by a rubric outlining the criteria for determination of grades.

The following symbols are used on the student's permanent record for all courses in which the student is enrolled after the initial registration and schedule adjustment period: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F, XF, I, P, S, W, and AU. These marks remain as part of the student's permanent record and may be changed only by the original instructor on certification, approved by the department chair and the dean, that an actual mistake was made in determining or recording the grade.

- **A+, A, A-** denotes excellent mastery of the subject and outstanding scholarship. In computations of cumulative or semester averages, a grade of A+ or A will be assigned a value of 4.0 quality points per credit hour. A grade of A- will be assigned 3.7 quality points per credit hour.
- **B+, B, B-** denotes good mastery of the subject and good scholarship. A grade of B+ is assigned a value of 3.3 quality points per hour. A grade of B is assigned a value of 3.0 quality points per credit hour. A grade of B- is assigned a value of 2.7 quality points per hour.
- **C+, C, C-** denotes acceptable mastery of the subject. A grade of C+ is assigned a value of 2.3 quality points per hour. A grade of C is assigned a value of 2.0 points per credit hour. A grade of C- is assigned a value of 1.7 quality points per credit hour.
- **D+, D, D-** denotes borderline understanding of the subject and marginal performance. It does not represent satisfactory progress toward a degree. A grade of D+ is assigned 1.3 points per credit hour. A grade of D is assigned a value of 1.0 quality point per credit hour. A grade of D- is assigned 0.7 quality points per credit.
- **F** denotes failure to understand the subject and unsatisfactory performance. A grade of F is assigned a value of 0.0 quality points per credit hour.
- **XF** denotes failure due to academic dishonesty. An XF is treated in the same way as F for the purposes of cumulative average.
- The mark of **I** is an exceptional mark that is an instructor option. It is only given to a student whose work has been qualitatively satisfactory, when, because of illness or other circumstances beyond the student's control, he or she has been unable to complete some small portion of the work of the course. In no case will the mark 'I' be recorded for a student who has not completed the major portion of the work of the course. For further explanation see "Incompletes" below.
- The mark of **P** is a student option mark, equivalent to a grade of D- or better. This grade is not used in any computation of quality points or cumulative average totals at the end of the semester. The student must inform the Office of the Registrar of the selection of this option by the end of the schedule adjustment period. For a full explanation see "Pass-Fail Policy" below.
- **S** is a department option mark that may be used to denote satisfactory performance by a student in progressing thesis projects, orientation courses, practice teaching, and the like. In computation of cumulative averages a mark of S will not be included.
- **W** is used to indicate withdrawal from a course after the end of the schedule adjustment period. For information and completeness, the grade of W is placed on the student's permanent record by the Office of the Registrar. The instructor will be notified that the student has withdrawn from the course. This grade is not used in any computation of quality points or cumulative average totals at the end of the semester.
- **AU** denotes a student registering to audit a course or courses which have been designated as available under the audit option and in which space is available. The notation AU will be placed on the transcript for each course audited. A notation to the effect that this symbol does not imply attendance or any other effort in the course will be included on the transcript in the explanation of the grading system.

Source: <http://faculty.umd.edu/teach/gradevalue.html>

Grade Point Average in Major Policy for Undergraduates:

The 2.0 GPA in major policy requires all students matriculating in Fall 2012 and thereafter to earn a 2.0 grade point average in their major, minor, and/or certificate requirements. With the new plus/minus policy, the

minimum grade for most major courses is a C-, now calculated as a 1.7. It is important that students clearly understand what courses make up major, minor and certificate requirements, and that the cumulative GPA for those courses must be at least 2.0.

For graduate students, the GPA in Major requirement is 3.0.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Financial aid in the form of teaching, administrative, and research assistantships is awarded to a limited number of applicants with outstanding credentials.

Compensation for assistantships usually includes tuition remission for up to ten (10) credit hours per semester, depending upon the appointment, plus a stipend. In addition, graduate assistants are eligible to be charged at the in-state tuition rate for the semesters in which they have a GA or TA position. For more information about assistantships, see: [TA/GA Information](#). Click on the link to "Financial Aid," on the black navigation bar, then scroll down and click on Graduate Assistantships.

Additional policies and other information about assistantships can be found at www.gradschool.umd.edu

Graduate student assistants play a crucial role in the work of the School - teaching undergraduates and working to support the teaching and research mission of the School. These students bring their expertise and dedication to nearly every aspect of the School's work. Graduate Assistants are assigned to roles such as Kibel Gallery Assistant, Fabrication Lab Assistant, Library Assistant, Academic Advisor, NAAB Assistant, and Director's Assistant. Teaching Assistants may teach a section of a course such as ARCH 400 Studio I or they may assist the Faculty in a course such as ARCH 600/611 Comprehensive Studio.

Graduate assistants come to campus before the semester begins for events such as an information session with the School Payroll Coordinator, Campus Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation, Sexual Harassment Prevention Workshop, Graduate Assistant Workdays, and meetings with supervisors.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students may propose Independent Study courses. An interested student seeks a faculty member willing to advise, then submits a proposal to the Curriculum Committee for approval. See website for Independent Study approval form and schedule for submission of proposals. To qualify for Independent Study a student must be in good academic standing maintaining a 2.0 GPA at the undergraduate level or a 3.0 GPA at the graduate level.

Independent Study Proposal Procedure:

Independent Study is intended to facilitate teaching-learning opportunities not covered in regular course offerings. This section contains important information for both students and faculty mentors.

Overview:

The Architecture Program offers qualified undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to engage innovative and challenging course work with faculty mentors through its independent study course offerings. To qualify for independent study course work, students must be in good academic standing with the University and in their major (3.0 or higher GPA). Independent study is not intended to provide remedial instruction. Independent study courses are offered in order to challenge students to broaden the scope of their knowledge in architecture, urbanism, and related topical areas.

Generally, a student interested in completing an independent study contacts a faculty member who is working in (or knowledgeable about) a particular topic in which a student has developed an interest. The student then asks the faculty member to help him or her complete the independent study. More often than not, a student works on an independent study with a faculty member who is already familiar with his or her class work. Once the student and faculty member decide on the course of study for the semester, it becomes the student's responsibility to set up a meeting schedule with his or her faculty sponsor; it is also the student's responsibility to maintain contact with his or her faculty sponsor throughout the semester. It is the faculty member's responsibility to make sure that he or she is available to meet with his or her student(s). The student fills out an application form, writes a short description of what will be covered during the semester, and has the faculty sponsor sign the application form.

Students are required to work directly with a faculty advisor in the development of an independent study proposal. The proposal serves as a contract for performance (equivalent to a course syllabus); consequently, the terms and conditions of the course must be clearly stated prior to submission to the APCC.

Student-Faculty Interaction:

Students and faculty are expected to meet weekly. However, the specific nature of engagement may be modified provided it is clearly stated and supported in the proposal. The State of Maryland (COMAR 13B.02.02.16C) specifies, "An institution shall award one semester hour of credit for a minimum of 45 hours, of 50 minutes each of instructional situations such as practica, internships, and cooperative education placements, when supervision is ensured and learning is documented."

Student Workloads:

It is difficult to set precise workloads that students will experience outside of class time since all individuals learn and assimilate knowledge at different rates. A rule of thumb used by many universities is for every credit hour awarded students are generally expected to spend 3 to 3.5 hours outside of class time engaging the subject matter. For a student with a full course load (15 credit hours), this could mean 45 – 53 hours of work outside of class. Consequently time management is an essential skill that students will need to master throughout the undergraduate and graduate careers. Time management is a particularly important skill in independent study courses and consequently a calendar establishing course activities and due dates is an essential component of successful independent study proposals.

Required Supporting Materials:

The following information must accompany the Independent Study Proposal Form when it is submitted for APCC review:

- Description of the course, outline of work, methods, schedules, and bibliography.
- Objectives of the course.

- Final product(s) expected at the conclusion of the course.
- Detailed method(s) of evaluation for coursework.
- Student's reasons (qualitative and/or quantitative) and qualifications (prior experience/course work) for pursuing study.
- Description of how this study complements the student's academic program and professional goals.
- Faculty advisor's written comments to the APCC. (Faculty advisors must submit written comments on the proposal in order to assist the APCC in the review process. Proposals submitted without faculty comments will be rejected).
- Any additional information as necessary.

Samples of successful proposals are available for review in the Architecture Program office.

Guidelines for Submission:

- All independent study proposals are the responsibility of the student.
- Students must submit an electronic version of the proposal to the Architecture Program Office on or before the deadline date established by the APCC.
- Late proposals or proposals that do not follow submission requirements, and/or incomplete proposals will not be considered by the committee.

Independent Study Submission Procedure:

- Request an independent study form from the Architecture Program Specialist (rifp@umd.edu).
- Discuss the independent study proposal with a faculty mentor.
- The Independent Study Proposal Form (page 1) must be filled out electronically and saved in PDF format.
- This document is to be titled "Indep_FOX_StudentLastName.pdf."
- Required additional information can be produced using any application, but it must be saved in PDF format.
- This document is to be titled "Indep_AddInfo_FOX_StudentLastName.pdf."
- The Independent Study Proposal Form and Required Additional Information are to be e-mailed as attachments to ARCHforms@umd.edu for receipt on the due date specified.
- A hard copy of all documents must be submitted to the ARCHforms box next to the faculty mailboxes in the main office by the due date.

Course Numbers:

Students should work closely with their advisor to determine the appropriate course number for their intended independent study. The APCC reserves the right to reassign a course number if the proposed content does not match the intent of the particular area of study. Graduate students should select appropriate course numbers in the ARCH 6XX series. The available course numbers and titles are:

ARCH 419 Independent Studies in Architectural Technologies (1-4 credit hours)

Proposed work must have a faculty sponsor and receive approval from the Curriculum Committee. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits, provided the content is different.

ARCH 429 Independent Studies in Architectural History (1-4 credit hours)

Proposed work must have faculty sponsor and receive approval of the Curriculum Committee. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits, provided the content is different.

ARCH 449 Independent Studies in Visual Studies (1-4 credit hours)

Proposed work must have faculty sponsor and receive approval of the Curriculum Committee. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits, provided the content is different.

ARCH 459 Independent Studies in Urban Planning (1-4 credit hours)

Proposed work must have a faculty sponsor and receive approval of the Curriculum Committee. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits, provided the content is different.

ARCH 479 Independent Studies in Architecture (1-4 credit hours)

Proposed work must have a faculty sponsor and receive approval of the Curriculum Committee. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits, provided the content is different.

ARCH 489 Independent Studies in Architectural Preservation (1-4 credit hours)

Proposed work must have a faculty sponsor and receive approval of the Curriculum Committee. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits, provided the content is different.

ARCH 629 Independent Studies in Architectural History (1-4 credit hours)

Proposed work must have faculty sponsor and receive approval of the Curriculum Committee. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits, provided the content is different.

ARCH 679 Independent Studies in Architecture (1-4 credit hours)

Proposed work must have faculty sponsor and receive approval of the Curriculum Committee. Repeatable to a maximum of six credits, provided the content is different.

Repeated Independent Study Course Numbers:

Independent study course numbers are repeatable to a maximum of six credits, provided the content is different.

Credit Hours:

Independent study courses may carry between 1-4 credit hours. Three credit hours are standard for most independent study courses. See "Student-Faculty Interaction," above for additional information concerning contact time and

Independent Study Workload Information for Faculty Members:

(source: <http://www.usmh.usmd.edu/regents/bylaws/SectionII/II125.html>)

500-798 (other graduate level individual studies) 18 credit hours = 1 course unit

100-499 (graduate/undergrad level individual studies) 21 credit hours = 1 course unit

Important Independent Study Deadlines:

Current Academic Year Winter Session:

Proposals are due one week prior to the October APCC meeting.

Current Academic Year Spring Semester:

Proposals are due one week prior to the November APCC meeting.

Upcoming Summer Sessions:

Proposals are due one week prior to the March APCC meeting.

Next Academic Year Fall Semester:

Proposals are due one week prior to the April APCC meeting.

Review and Approvals of Independent Study Proposals:

The Architecture Program Curriculum Committee (APCC) reviews independent study proposals to ensure that all proposals meet the requirements of the University of Maryland for awarding academic credit. The APCC also:

- Determines if the student is in good academic standing with the University and the Architecture Program.
- Reviews the proposal and determines if the intellectual underpinnings of the proposed coursework have been clearly and responsibly articulated.
- Establishes that the resources are available for the proposed coursework to be undertaken.
- Establishes that both the student and faculty-mentor are qualified to undertake the proposed course work.
- Reviews specific teaching-learning goals of the proposed coursework.

- Establishes the semester in which the coursework will take place, course number, and the date of completion.
- Evaluates the workload proposed, the timeframe in which the proposed coursework will take place, and the appropriate credit hours proposed for the endeavor.
- Determines if the “contract” between student and faculty mentor is clearly defined and equitable.

APCC Actions Regarding Independent Study Proposals:

Upon review the APCC may approve the independent study proposal, return the proposal to the student and faculty-mentor for clarifications, or reject the proposal.

Once approved by the APCC the completed independent study form is forwarded to the Architecture Program Director, undergraduate/graduate advisor, and registration assistant. The Architecture Program Director may elect to disapprove any independent study proposal based on excessive faculty workload (in consultation with the faculty mentor) or in such cases where resources do not exist to support the intended study.

NAAB ACCREDITATION

In the United States, most 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 professional degree programs in architecture offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may require a pre-professional undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, **the pre-professional degree (in our case, the BA in Architecture and the BS in Architecture) is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.**

University of Maryland, School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

- Master of Architecture (pre-professional degree + 60 graduate credits)
- Master of Architecture (non-pre-professional degree + 105 credits)

Next accreditation visit for both programs: 2026

Additional information about NAAB can be found at: www.naab.org

NAAB STUDENT PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Students should be aware that the NAAB’s system for accreditation of professional degree programs in higher education institutions requires a self-assessment by the accredited-degree program, an evaluation of that assessment by the NAAB, and a decision regarding the term of accreditation by the NAAB Board of Directors. The NAAB website contains valuable information concerning accreditation.

Excerpted from the NAAB 2020 Conditions for Accreditation: Program Criteria (PC) and Student Criteria (SC) seek to evaluate the outcomes of architecture programs and student work within their unique institutional, regional, national, international, and professional contexts, while encouraging innovative approaches to architecture education and professional preparation.

The Student Criteria encompass two levels of accomplishment:

- **Understanding**—The capacity to classify, compare, summarize, explain, and/or interpret information.
- **Ability**—Proficiency in using specific information to accomplish a task, correctly selecting the appropriate information, and accurately applying it to the solution of a specific problem, while also distinguishing the effects of its implementation.

OWNERSHIP OF STUDENT WORK

Any design project, drawing or model that is submitted for academic credit is recognized by the University of Maryland and the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation to be the equivalent to a formal examination. Therefore, upon submission, all projects, drawings and/or models become the property of the School. Generally, University regulations require the professor to retain all final examinations for a period not less than one academic year. However, in practice, projects submitted to the school are usually returned to the individual student for inclusion in their academic portfolio. The School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation does reserve the right to retain certain projects for use in publicity, display, or other official uses. In all cases, projects will be made available to the authors for documentation purposes.

REGISTRATION

Open registration continues up to the first day of classes. During this time students may make schedule adjustments or process an original registration. The schedule adjustment period is the first ten days of classes for the fall and spring semesters, and the first five days of classes for summer sessions. During this period, full-time undergraduates may drop or add courses, change sections, or change credit level with no charge. Part-time undergraduates may also drop or add courses, change sections, or change credit level, but they should consult the deadline section in the Schedule of Classes to avoid incurring additional charges. The choice of grading method option may be changed only during the schedule adjustment period. Registration is final and official when all fees are paid.

After the schedule adjustment period, courses may not be added without special permission of the dean. In no case may a student attend a class all semester without a current registration, and then add the class after final grades have been submitted. The drop period for undergraduate students will begin at the close of the schedule adjustment period and terminate at the end of the tenth week of classes during the fall and spring semesters and at a corresponding time for summer sessions. During the drop period a student may drop a maximum of four credits. Such a drop will be recorded on the student's permanent record with the notation "W".

Graduate students must register for courses at the 400 level or higher in order for the coursework to count towards a degree.

RESEARCH

Research opportunities include working with Faculty Members on their research projects, undertaking competitions, participating in the University of Maryland Summer Scholars program (undergraduates), and presenting research at the University of Maryland GRID.

RETROSPECTIVE

At the conclusion of each semester the faculty assembles at a "Retrospective" to review the academic activities of the semester and to take stock of successes and challenges.

Following the Retrospective, the Architecture Student Assembly convenes a Student-Faculty-Staff Retrospective in the Great Space. This event provides an opportunity for a candid exchange of viewpoints and permits faculty, staff, and students alike to better understand the successes and challenges of the prior semester. This discussion helps faculty and students to plan for a positive approach to the upcoming semester.

REVIEWS

Reviews give students the opportunity to present their work to their peers, their studio faculty, and a panel of critics. All studio faculty members (both full-time and part-time) and full-time non-studio faculty members

participate in these reviews. Studio faculty members are also encouraged to invite professional and academic colleagues to participate in reviews. Students participate in reviews in formal and informal ways.

Every studio course will typically have a midterm and a final project review. The Comprehensive Studio replaces these reviews with four workshops throughout the semester. The thesis sequence utilizes a series of committee meetings in place of the studio review cycle.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students apply for scholarships by filling out the application form on the architecture website and submitting it to the Program Director by the deadline indicated. The Scholarship Committee is responsible for the selection process and makes recommendations to the Program Director. In certain cases, the selection process involves the sponsor organization and may include an interview and/or presentation of student work. There are four categories of scholarships administered by the architecture program:

Education Abroad Scholarships – awarded in support of students participating in overseas coursework.

Merit Scholarships – determined annually based upon student performance.

Recruitment Scholarships – determined by the admissions committee ranking of applicants.

Internship / Scholarships – awarded annually in conjunction with professional offices that provide summer internships

Students should check the Scholarships webpage for up to date information about scholarships:

<http://arch.umd.edu/arch/scholarships>

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

The University of Maryland is committed to maintaining a working and learning environment free of sexual misconduct. Such an environment must be free of unwelcome, unwanted and/or uninvited sexual or gender based conduct; this includes, verbal, nonverbal, and/or physical conduct. Please familiarize yourself with the University's policy on sexual misconduct, found at: <http://president.umd.edu/policies/docs/vi120a.pdf>

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GRADE APPEALS / CAPRICIOUS GRADING):

The Student Affairs Committee convenes at the discretion of the Director of the Architecture program to resolve issues as they may arise concerning student-faculty relations including but not limited to grade appeals regarding capricious and arbitrary grading. This process is different from the Academic Studio Culture Policy, which is intended to resolve issues prior to the end of the semester and the assignment of grades.

All students are advised to read the links below carefully, which describe the process and procedures for appealing grades. Keep in mind there is a separate policy for undergraduate and graduate courses. Both policies require students and faculty to meet in an informal setting to resolve the differences. In the event that no satisfactory resolution is reached, students must notify the Architecture Program Director in writing within 20 working days after the first day of instruction in the next regular semester (regular semesters are spring and fall). The policies below give guidance to the student for how this process unfolds.

Grades in Undergraduate Courses:

University of Maryland Procedures for review of Alleged Arbitrary and Capricious Grading – Undergraduate Students: <https://policies.umd.edu/policy/ded07b69-b556-4d33-899a-ad8fcc432079/>

Grades in Graduate Courses:

University of Maryland Graduate Policies and Procedures for Review of Alleged Arbitrary and Capricious Grading: <https://policies.umd.edu/policy/5327b77f-d8e7-4085-9a01-e94ee4ccd428/>

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The University is legally obligated to provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities. The campus's [Disability Support Service Office](#) (DSS) works with students and faculty members to address a variety of issues ranging from test anxiety to physical and psychological disabilities. If an instructor believes that a student may have a disability, DSS should be consulted (4-7682 or dissup@umd.edu). Note that to receive accommodations, students must first have their disabilities documented by DSS. The office then prepares an Accommodation Letter for course instructors regarding needed accommodations. Students are responsible for presenting this letter to their instructors by the end of the drop/add period.

STUDENTS IN DISTRESS

Life can often be stressful. Recognizing the signs of stress before they become problematic can often contribute to speedy resolution of problems. Services for students in various forms of distress are offered by the [Counseling Center](#) and the [Mental Health Service](#) in the Health Center. During evenings and weekends, the student peer-counseling hotline (4-HELP or 4-4357) is available. If you are unsure of how to proceed or where to ask for help, reach out to a faculty mentor, the Director of Student Services, or if you need assistance in accessing the above services, contact the Director of Student Services, Kristen Stack (kjstack@umd.edu), or the Architecture Program Director. All inquiries will be handled with the strictest confidentiality and care.

STUDENTS, UNDOCUMENTED

We welcome all undocumented members and mixed status families to be a part of our campus community. We provide resources at the University to support undocumented students and students from mixed status families. We encourage you to learn more information by visiting UndocuTerps in Suite 1120 in the Stamp Student Union or call (301) 314-8600 to learn more.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

There are a variety of student organizations that contribute to the academic and extra-curricular life of the architecture program. We encourage all students to become involved in a student organization that enhances the life of the program, school, and university.

Architecture Student Assembly

The Architecture Student Assembly is a non-membership organization made up of all undergraduate and graduate students in the Architecture Program. Representative students serve on program committees and attend faculty meetings. The Architecture Student Assembly is advisory to the Architecture Program Director.

Alpha Rho Chi

Alpha Rho Chi derived its name from the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the word "architecture"—alpha (A), rho (P) and chi (X). Our brotherhood—unique in its membership of men and women—strives to achieve fellowship and unity by perpetuating merit in studies and rigor in tradition. For us, there is no compromise, no uncertainty and no regret. For us, personal and collective strength is of the essence. Our numbers are small but sufficient. We are not an elitist organization. We believe in equality of gender and race. We strive to uphold standards and ethics of the design world and society in general. So if you have the inclination, a love of the arts, and a desire to succeed, seek us out and understand why this brotherhood is forever.

American Institute of Architecture Students

The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) is a non-profit organization serving the needs of architecture students in the United States and Canada. The AIAS is a student organization designed to expose its members to issues and ideas concerning the Architectural profession. The organization accomplishes this through publications such as *CRIT: The Journal of The American Institutes of Architects*, and the *AIAS News*, and meetings such as FORUM and the Grassroots leadership Conference. Students from the School of Architecture are elected to the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer each year. There are also other officers that take responsibility for various programs throughout the year. These students will be involved in many activities that concern

the School of Architecture and the architecture community. AIAS officers meet regularly and consult as necessary with the assigned Faculty Advisors.

National Organization of Minority Architecture Students

The University of Maryland chapter of NOMAS is affiliated with the national professional organization NOMA (www.noma.net) NOMAS is a group of students from a variety of backgrounds pursuing architecture degrees at the undergraduate and graduate levels, interested in contributing to the UMD School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation by building a sense of community based on shared experiences unique to our diverse student body.

Tau Sigma Delta (Honor Society)

The organization was established to provide a national collegiate honor society open to students of all American colleges and universities wherein an accredited program of Architecture, Landscape Architecture or Allied Arts is established. Its prime objective is to celebrate excellence in scholarship, to stimulate mental achievement, and to award those students who attain high scholastic standing in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Allied Arts of Design by the rewards of membership in an honor society.

Women in Architecture

WIA is a student run organization which focuses on the empowerment women through student and faculty engagement in the architecture program. In a field that is overwhelmingly male, it is vital to construct and nurture a community that specifically supports women. Through meetings, planned events, and mentorship, members discuss and learn how to spread the empowerment of all women, and how to build a network of aspiring and established female architects and designers.

LGBTQIA+ Design Collective

The LGBTQIA+ Design Collective is a student group dedicated to providing a voice, increasing visibility, and fostering connections to professionals for MAPP's LGBTQIA students.

STUDENT RECORDS

Each student is ultimately responsible for ensuring that all degree requirements have been met: incomplete assignments have been made up within the deadlines; and missing grades, changed grades and transfer credits have been properly recorded with the campus registrar. During advising sessions, each student has an opportunity to review his or her degree requirements and graduation status well in advance of their anticipated graduation time.

STUDIO CONDUCT

1. INJURIES OR ACCIDENTS – should be reported immediately to Campus Security – 405–3333. If you, or a friend, have been injured do not attempt to go to the student health center alone, either summon help from Campus Security or ask for assistance from a fellow student. Studio first aid boxes are available; be sure to acquaint yourselves with the location and contents of these.
2. Visitors are not permitted in studio during class hours. Strangers in studio should be asked to identify themselves and their business. Generally, this can be accomplished in a friendly and helpful manner. But, should the person in question appear suspicious, you owe it to yourself and your fellow students to notify Campus Security at once, particularly during off hours!
3. When you leave your work area, be sure that all articles of value are either properly secured or removed from the studio. The University assumes no responsibility for theft or vandalism of your personal property. Laptops should be properly secured.
4. Smoking is forbidden in the Architecture Building at all times.
5. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs is strictly forbidden in the building at all times.
6. Radios, CD players, iPods, and other audible devices are to be used in conjunction with headphones at all times. The use of speakers in studio is forbidden at all times.
7. No televisions, DVD Players, etc., are permitted in the studio. Recent studies have confirmed both the personal safety, physical, and intellectual challenges that are associated with multitasking. While in studio, students are encouraged to focus on the tasks at hand. Watching DVDs, YouTube videos, playing digital games, etc., can be detrimental to your performance and distracting to those around you. See: *New York Times*, “The Mediocre Multitasker,” (<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/30/weekinreview/30pennebaker.html?scp=4&sq=multitasking&st=cse>) NPR, “Multitasking May Not Mean Higher Productivity” (<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=112334449>)
8. Personal desk areas should be kept as neat as possible at all times. Note: you should not place anything of value on the floor, it is liable to be mistaken for garbage by the cleaning staff. Prior to desk critiques, students should organize their desk areas and provide a seat for their critic.
9. Aerosol paint, glue, or other aerosol media may not be used in or outside the building. Painted models (paint obscures poor craft) are forbidden in ARCH 400.
10. The use of X-Acto knives or similar cutting devices will be conducted with the utmost care for personal safety, university owned furnishings and room finishes. All cutting must be done on surfaces designated expressly for that purpose and provided by the individual student. Used blades should be safely and properly disposed of in the red containers provided throughout the studio area.

STUDY ABROAD/OTHER OFF-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES

The architecture program offers a semester abroad in Florence, Italy. The [Maryland-in-Florence Architecture Program](#) is designed to facilitate study abroad for juniors and graduate students during spring semesters. Information about this opportunity is available at the beginning of the fall semesters.

Faculty members offer Study Abroad programs during Summer Term and often during Winter Term, as well. Students apply through the University of Maryland Education Abroad Office, [Short Term Programs](#).

SYLLABUS

On or before the first day of class, faculty members are contractually obligated to distribute a course syllabus. The course syllabus is to contain the following information:

Course Information:

Course Title
Course Section and Number
Meeting Times and Location

Name of Instructor
Instructor Contact information
ELMS Site or Course Webpage
Required Textbooks
Required Technology
Prerequisites
Method for Communication with Students Outside the Classroom
Emergency Protocol

Course Description, Goals, and Expectations

General Description of the Course
Statement of Course Goals and/or list of Student Learning Outcomes
Course Schedule
Due Dates
Expectations for Students
Grading Procedures

Course Policy and Procedures

Course Attendance Policy
Written Absence Policy
Academic Integrity Expectations
Arrangements for Students with Disabilities
Copyright Notice

University of Maryland Course Policy Information

Undergraduate Course Related Policies: <http://www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html>. These policies were developed by the Office of Undergraduate Studies and approved by University of Maryland Senate. You should be aware of these policies as they govern many aspects of this class.

Graduate Course Related Policies: <https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/policies/academic-record/>. The Graduate School has prepared this guide in order to provide you with information about graduate course policies, other policies related to graduate study, and relevant on-campus resources. Your syllabus applies specifically to a given course. The following applies in general to your graduate coursework and experience at UMD.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS (COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE)

You'll need a laptop computer for use in studio. Many students also purchase monitors so that they can expand their digital workspace. Keep in mind the computer will need sufficient "horsepower" to deal with graphics and modeling programs, so cheaper isn't necessarily better. Hold off on purchasing software because once you are here you'll be eligible for free software from vendors that have contracts with the University, also there are some kinds of software that you can purchase with a student discount. See this page for hardware and software recommendations: <https://arch.umd.edu/resources/school-resources/technology-solutions-center-tsc>

We recommend that you refrain from making major software purchases until the beginning of the semester. Once you are enrolled as a student there are numerous software applications that are available to you at significantly reduced rates or free of charge.

THESIS

The culmination of the Master of Architecture degree programs is a year-long thesis project. Each student works independently on a sustained investigation of a thesis. Graduate students in their final year of study register for ARCH 797 Thesis Proseminar. In the first week of the semester, students present their thesis proposals at an evening Thesis Match event in the Great Space. Students post their proposals on the walls and faculty members circulate to view the proposals and meet with students individually to discuss their thesis concepts. Informed by expressions of interest from students and faculty following the Thesis Match event, the Thesis Chair appoints an advisory committee for each thesis student. Each committee is comprised of a Committee Chair, the Thesis Chair, and one additional faculty member. Students meet regularly with their Committee Chairs on a mutually agreed-upon schedule. During the semester in which students are enrolled in ARCH 797, the Committee Chair will be available to meet for approximately one-half hour per week. During the ARCH 798 / 799 semester Committee Chairs will meet with thesis advisees for at least one hour per week. Other committee members are available on a “catch-as-catch-can” basis. The full thesis committee meets with students at scheduled intervals throughout the thesis year to review the material that students are developing independently in consultation with their Committee Chairs.

In the final semester of study, students register for ARCH 798 Thesis in Architecture and ARCH 799 Masters Research.

As the thesis investigation draws to a conclusion, students work with their committee to design a presentation of their work. Students are encouraged to document and present the process along with the products of their work.

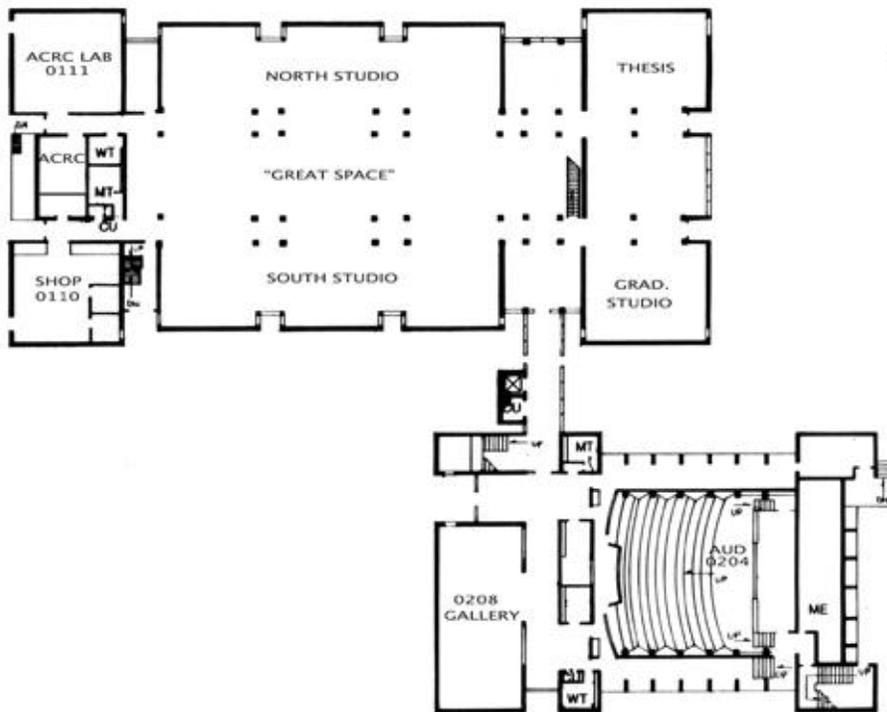
The Public Presentation gives students an opportunity to present their work to an audience composed of their peers, faculty, guests, and a panel of invited critics. Based upon feedback at this review, students make any necessary revisions and/or additions to their work and present to their committees at a Thesis Defense.

Following the successful Thesis Defense, each student must format and submit the Master of Architecture Thesis according to the requirements of the Graduate school. Information is on the web at www.gradschool.umd.edu.

Appendix A - Architecture Building Plans



UPPER FLOOR



LOWER FLOOR

Appendix B – Contact Information

Internet:

University of Maryland – www.umd.edu
School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation – www.arch.umd.edu
Faculty Staff Directory Search - <https://directory.umd.edu/search>
Architecture Faculty – <https://arch.umd.edu/programs/architecture/people>
Architecture Program Calendar – [LINK to Program Calendar](#)

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Appendix C – Handy Shortcuts for Students

STUDIO SUPPLIES

Plaza Art (Locations in Silver Spring, MD, Washington, DC, Bethesda, MD, and Rockville, MD)

<https://www.plazaart.com/>

Blick Art Materials (Location in Washington DC)

<http://www.dickblick.com/>

Artist & Craftsman Supply (Hyattsville, MD)

<https://www.artistcraftsman.com/store-art-supplies-college-park-hyattsville-md>

HOW TO SET UP A MAYLINE PARALLEL RULE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rtc-FkEFdi8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2c572JjPKM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnuJQqE9HFU>

VARIOUS DRAWING/DRAFTING TUTORIALS

Architect's Studio Essentials - 10 objects + tools:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-JORVu6Xb8>

How to write like an architect:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ky5p-L_m6BQ

Using sketching effectively in design - Drawing, sketching and designing (1/19)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqKdUXtJTHg>

MODEL MAKING TIPS

How to Cut (X-acto) Like an Architect:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=seXAwAFCpu8>

Architectural Model Making 101 – How to Cut:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_GVANPy118

Part 1. Architectural Model Making: Tools & Materials:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47ID_XQ5ID8

Part 2. Architectural Model Making: Scaling & Cutting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV093Yo1Ab4>

Part 3. Architectural Model Making: Gluing & Connecting:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hytDc_mtW-A

How to use a laser cutter part 1:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=un3IFjJwm_s

LYNDA LEARNING CENTER

Lynda is an online library of instructional videos covering the latest software, creative, and business skills:

<http://lyndatraining.umd.edu/>

ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF

Undergraduate Course Policies:

<https://www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html>

Graduate Course Policies:

<http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/Catalog/policy.php>

Attendance Policies:

https://faculty.umd.edu/teach/attend_student.html

Grading Policies:

<https://faculty.umd.edu/main/activity/teaching-policies-guidelines#gradedef>

University of Maryland Email (GMAIL) - The University provides you with unlimited email storage space through Google Mail. Additionally, GMAIL provides access to your calendar, Google drive (with unlimited storage space), and other Google features.

<http://www.gmail.com>

Enterprise Learning Management System (ELMS) - ELMS utilizes Canvas as the engine for organizing course materials.

Instructions are on the "Home Page" for all of your courses. <http://www.elms.umd.edu>

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Appendix D COVID RESOURCES

COVID-19 Information for UMD

<https://umd.edu/4Maryland>

UM COVID Dashboard:

<https://umd.edu/covid-19-dashboard>

Requirements for Coming to Campus

<https://return.umd.edu/>

Faculty Health & Safety Expectations

<https://faculty.umd.edu/media/181/download>

COVID-19 Related Disability Accommodations & Requests for Consideration

<https://umd.edu/virusinfo/emails/O63021-2>

The Office of Student Conduct is responsible for holding students accountable for adhering to community expectations. We want to be sure that students understand what is required of them. ***The Code of Student Conduct*** applies to all students, whether on or off campus.

In order for all of us to have the safest possible fall semester, it is imperative that everyone practice and enforce healthy behaviors. In addition to the specific policies outlined by the *Code of Student Conduct*, all students are expected to comply with the directives outlined in the **4 Maryland** commitment.

All members of our campus community will be required to follow these measures:

- Wear a face covering at all times indoors and outdoors when in the presence of others;
- Wash hands frequently and practice good personal hygiene;
- Practice physical distancing by staying at least 6 feet apart from others;
- Stay home if you feel sick, and report symptoms to the University Health Center and your personal doctor;
- Monitor your symptoms on a daily basis
 - Temperature of 100.4 Fahrenheit or higher
 - Chills
 - New onset cough
 - Trouble breathing
 - Sore throat
 - New or unusual headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Excessive fatigue
 - Diarrhea
- Do **not** come to campus* if:
 - You have any of the symptoms above (unless they are related to a long-term health condition).
 - You are caring for someone with COVID-19 or possible COVID-19 infection and you have not been fully vaccinated.
 - You are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test because you had symptoms or were exposed.
 - If you suspect you are sick in any way, even with mild illness

Please understand that the University of Maryland is constantly monitoring the public health situation and is subject to Prince George's County Health Department Mandates, so requirements for masking and in person participation are subject to change. We will do everything in our power to keep you updated on any policy change.