

# DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND PLANNING | COLLEGE OF

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Established in 1925, the College of Design, Construction and Planning (DCP) is one of the largest such institutions in the country with more than 1,500 students. In addition to on-going projects that advance both scholarly study and professional practice, DCP contributes to community, state, regional and national efforts to conserve and improve the quality of the natural and built environments.

## Contact

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Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=0268>) More Info (<http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/>)

### Academic Advising

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## Established

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## Location

Academic programs and other resources are located in three campus buildings:

- The Architecture Building  
Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/index/0268>)
- The Fine Arts Complex (FAC)  
Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/index/0598>)
- Rinker Hall  
Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/index/0272>)

Off-campus facilities are located in Vicenza, Italy, and Nantucket Island.

## Schools and Departments

- School of Architecture
- Department of Interior Design
- Department of Landscape Architecture
- Department of Urban and Regional Planning
- M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Construction Management

## Accredited

The following academic programs are accredited by the respective professional organizations of each unit.

### Architecture

National Architectural Accrediting Board  
1101 Connecticut Ave NW STE 410  
Washington, DC 20036

### Construction Management

American Council for Construction Education  
825 W. Bitters Road, STE 103  
San Antonio, Texas 78216

### Interior Design

Council for Interior Design Accreditation  
206 Grandville Ave., STE 350  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2822

## Landscape Architecture

American Society of Landscape Architects  
636 Eye St., NW  
Washington, DC 20001-3736

## Urban and Regional Planning

Planning Accreditation Board  
2334 W. Lawrence Ave STE 209  
Chicago, IL 60625

## Academic Advising

The college's advising center in 331 Architecture Building provides academic advising to undergraduate students in architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, and sustainability and the built environment.

Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/index/0268>)

Undergraduate students in the Rinker School of Construction Management should report to 301 Rinker Hall for academic advising.

Map (<http://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/index/0272>)

## Scholarships

Scholarships within the college are available to students in the upper-division and graduate professional programs.

## Guidance

Internships vary by academic unit. Consult the academic unit regarding its requirements for internships. The academic unit and the dean's office (331 ARCH) provide career guidance.

More Info (<http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/faculty/>)

Students considering application to the college should anticipate expenditures for computers, travel, equipment and tools essential to their education as design, planning and construction professionals. For further information, contact the appropriate department/school.

## Helpful Links

- College Website (<https://dcp.ufl.edu/>)
- Combination Degrees (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/combined-degrees/>)
- Computer Requirements (<http://www.it.ufl.edu/policies/student-computing-requirements/>)
- Dean's List (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/academic-honors/#deanslisttext>)

## Academic Policies

### Admission Requirements

Admission to this college is selective and cannot be guaranteed to applicants who satisfy minimum requirements. The college has established a selective admission process and priority is given to those applicants who, in the judgment of the appropriate department/school's admissions committee, have the greatest potential for successful completion of the program.

### Admission Protocols for Native UF Students

Freshmen at the university are admitted directly into architecture, construction management, interior design, landscape architecture and sustainability and the built environment programs.

The college will monitor the progress of all students. Students who fall below the critical-tracking criteria for the degree program will have a hold placed on their records. They must see an advisor in the college/academic unit before they can advance register and continue in the program. They also may be referred to the Academic Advising Center to seek admission to another college.

### Admission Protocols for Transfer Students *without* Coursework in Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture

Conditional admission is open to applicants who have:

- Accumulated 60 credits of college-level coursework (for university transfer only) or earned the AA degree (Florida public state college transfer students only),
- Completed two sequential foreign language courses in secondary school or 8-10 credits at the postsecondary level (or documented an equivalent level of proficiency), and

- Met the general admissions criteria, yet still need to complete first-year and second-year preprofessional courses.
  - Summer A is the primary semester for transfer admission for students without architecture or interior design prerequisites.
  - Fall is the primary entry semester for landscape architecture.
  - Transfer students without preprofessional courses are admitted conditionally and will be reviewed for selective admission into the third year of the program upon completion of the preprofessional courses, review of their academic performance and portfolio of work. These students may require as many as four semesters at the university to complete preprofessional requirements because of the sequential nature of the courses.

Each department/school may consider any or all of the following for admissions review:

- Architecture: Completion of MAC 1147 (or MAC 1140 and MAC 1114), PHY 2004 or PHY 2053
- Interior Design: Completion of MAC 1147 (or MAC 1140 and MAC 1114), PHY 2004 or PHY 2053, ARH 2051
- Landscape Architecture: Completion of MAC 1147 (or MAC 1140 and MAC 1114), BOT 2010C or BSC 2005
- Preprofessional GPA
- Achievements in preprofessional courses and/or courses related to the chosen plan of study
- Portfolio review or pin-up (design students)

## Admission Protocols for Transfer Students in the Sustainability and the Built Environment Program

Conditional admission is open to applicants who have:

- Accumulated 60 credits of college-level coursework (for university transfer only) or earned the AA degree (Florida public state colleges and universities)
- Completed the standard online UF transfer application
- Completed two sequential foreign language courses in secondary school or 8-10 credits at the postsecondary level (or documented an equivalent level of proficiency)
- Completed ECO 2013, ECO 2023, MAC 1147 (or MAC 1140 and MAC 1114) and STA 2023 with minimum grades of C
- Achieved an overall minimum GPA of 3.0

## Admission Protocols for Transfer Students with Coursework in Architecture, Interior Design or Landscape Architecture

Transfer students who will receive their Associate of Arts degree from a Florida public institution must meet or exceed the 60-credit admission protocols for admission to the college.

The admission protocols for each department:

### Architecture Upper-Division Transfer

Any student who has earned an Associate of Arts degree in the course of completing a two-year pre-architecture program at one of the Florida public state colleges and universities (Broward College, Hillsborough College, Indian River College, Miami-Dade College, Palm Beach College, St. Petersburg College, Valencia College) can apply for admission into the UF Bachelor of Design program's upper division.

Both UF and Florida state college applicants for upper-division placement are ranked competitively according to overall grade point average, architectural grade point average and faculty evaluation of design studio work in the annual Pin-Up Exhibits (all calculated by UF standards) to determine whether or not they qualify for placement into UF's upper-division Bachelor of Design curriculum.

*All applicants must apply to the university's Office of Admissions by the deadline to qualify for admission to the School of Architecture.*

This is in addition to sending the School of Architecture the Notice to Pin Up by the deadline.

Students wishing to transfer from an institution with some design and related preprofessional courses may present a portfolio of work to the school for review and placement. Students will be placed in the program the committee determines is appropriate, which may necessitate a repeat of previous coursework.

### Interior Design

Transfer students must contact the department to determine admission timing and eligibility. All students must complete General Education and preprofessional coursework before admission to professional studies. Criteria for admission include review of design performance, transcript, letter and interview.

Students who need to complete preprofessional requirements should apply to the Summer A term to begin the required tracking courses. The remaining preprofessional courses may be completed during the next academic year. Students accepted for the sequence are admitted conditionally and their records will be reviewed during the next Spring term for entry into professional courses in the junior year.

Students are admitted selectively to the professional program on the basis of portfolio review, overall grade point average, interview and letter of application. Notification of the admission decision will be made before the end of the Spring semester for the junior class that begins that Fall. Contact the department for current information.

## Landscape Architecture

Transfer students must contact the department to determine admission timing and eligibility. All students must complete General Education and preprofessional coursework before admission to professional studies. Criteria for admission include review of design performance, transcript, letter and interview.

## Construction Management

Refer to the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGCMN/>).

## Application Deadlines

More Info (<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/ugrad/trappdates.html>)

The programs in Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture will admit students for third-year professional coursework only in the Fall semester. Students who need to complete some or all of the preprofessional requirements shall be reviewed for the Fall and Summer A semesters only.

The programs in Building Construction and fire and emergency services in the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management will admit students for third-year professional coursework in the Fall and Spring semesters.

The Office of Admissions (for transfer students) or the college dean's office (for UF students) must receive applications and all required credentials by the college/school application deadlines.

## College Regulations

Dean's List (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/academic-honors/#deanslisttext>)

## Field Trips

There are required field trips to give students an opportunity to broaden and expand their educational experience through study of planning, design, construction and sustainability projects. Students may also be required to attend state and national professional meetings.

## Maximum and Minimum Loads

A normal load is 14-16 credits per semester. A student may be permitted to register for more than 17 credits when the advisor feels the student's record justifies it.

The minimum is 12 credits for full-time status; students who wish to take fewer credits should be aware that certain university privileges and benefits require full-time status. It is the student's responsibility to verify the minimum academic load necessary.

Students who seek an adjustment to their academic load may petition the dean through the director of student services and the appropriate department chair.

While the preprofessional and professional course sequence must be maintained, variation of General Education and elective coursework may occur. The four-year plans shown require an average of more than 16 credits per term, which may not be appropriate for all students. Students should plan their curricula well in advance so the course sequence and credit loads will accommodate the most effective academic progress, regardless of the number of terms required.

## Practical Experience

Before graduating, students should get experience in the employment of practicing professionals in their field or in some allied profession. Such employment provides an introduction to the methods of actual practice and enables the student to derive increased benefit from advanced work in school. Students should contact their advisor for recommended or required practical experience.

## Student Work

The college can retain student work for the purpose of record, accreditation, exhibition or instruction. Work produced while the student is enrolled in the college is the property of the college.

## Degree Requirements

To be eligible for graduation, students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall grade point average and a 2.0 grade point average for all work attempted in the college. Students planning to enter the Graduate School must maintain a 3.0 average in the junior and senior years.

Graduating with Honors (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-advising/academic-honors/#graduatingwithhonorstext>)

## Programs

### MAJORS

- Architecture
- Combination Degrees
- Interior Design
- Landscape Architecture | 4-Year Professional Program
- Sustainability and the Built Environment
- Urban Sciences and Planning

### MINORS

- Architecture Minor
  - Landscape Architecture Minor
  - Sustainability and the Built Environment Minor
  - Urban and Regional Planning Minor
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