

# COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA 2013-2014 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

## SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & COMMUNITY DESIGN

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### Mission

The School of Architecture & Community Design, founded in 1986, emphasizes architecture and community design proficiency, technical competency, and applied research that constitute thorough preparation for practice in the 21st century. The School of Architecture & Community Design's mission is to provide graduate level education that:

- Provides a holistic design curriculum and instruction through a variety of pedagogical approaches.
- Encourages individual and collaborative discoveries.
- Emphasizes continuity between design and construction.
- Builds technical and professional proficiency.
- Offers wide ranging global learning experiences.
- Provides opportunities for engagement with diverse communities.

And for students and faculty to conduct scholarly research and creative activity that:

- Is innovative, disciplinary, and interdisciplinary.
- Advances the understanding of the built environment as it relates to society and culture.
- Contributes to theory and practice in the disciplines of architecture and urbanism.
- Relevant to local communities.
- Advances the contemporary state of critical practice.
- Provokes (stimulates/instigates) critical discourse on architecture and urbanism.
- Explores (embraces) emerging technologies.

Our aim is to graduate professionals who will be recognized for their design excellence in enhancing the quality of the built environment.

## ARCHITECTURE STUDIES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The School of Architecture & Community Design (SACD) offers graduate degrees and certificates. In some circumstances, undergraduates can enroll in the Master of Architecture program before completing a baccalaureate degree:

### Master of Architecture Program for Non-Degree Holding Students

For non-degree holding students, the School's professional program involves a minimum of 165 credit hours of undergraduate and graduate work, leading to the Master of Architecture degree. No bachelor's degree is awarded.

Before entering the program, students are to complete a minimum of 60 credit hours of general education and prerequisite courses at a community college (in an associate of architecture transfer program), the University of South Florida, or other college or university. Having completed these requirements, students will complete the School's 105 credit hour, Master of Architecture program.

Students electing course of study will hold "undergraduate" status for the first 120 credit hours and "graduate" status for the remaining credit hour requirement.

In addition to, or part of, the undergraduate course requirements of 60 credit hours, all undergraduate students must have successfully completed the following prerequisites for admission into the program:

- ARC 2211 Introduction to Architecture
- ARC 2131 Introduction to Architectural Design and Graphics
- ARC 2135 Introduction to Architectural Design and Graphics II
- Creative art or design courses (minimum 8 credit hours)
- An undergraduate course in Calculus;
- An undergraduate course in Physics;
- An undergraduate course in Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD).

### Master of Architecture Program (for students with a 2-year Associate's Degree in Architecture)

Students having a two-year, associate's degree in architecture must complete a minimum of 93 credit hours in the School's Master of Architecture program. Holders of an Associate's degree in Architecture will normally receive a waiver of 12 credit hours for their previous design studio experience, reducing the normal 105 credit hour Master of Architecture degree requirement to 93 credit hours. Further, these students may receive waivers for the following architectural courses in which a grade of B or better was earned: Design Theory, History I, History II, and Structures I. However, pending the review of each applicant's transcript and portfolio, these credit hour and course waivers may not be granted.

In addition to, or part of, these curricula requirements, all undergraduate students must have successfully completed the following prerequisites for admission into the program:

- a. an undergraduate course in Calculus;

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- b. an undergraduate course in Physics;
- c. an undergraduate course in Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD)

## **Architecture Courses for Undergraduate Students not seeking the Master of Architecture Degree**

The School encourages other University students, not pursuing the Master of Architecture degree, to enroll in its numerous undergraduate and graduate courses as electives within their individual majors. The School offers ARC 2211 Introduction to Architecture as an approved Foundations of Knowledge and Learning Core Curriculum (General Education) course. Credits earned in the School's graduate-level elective courses on a non-degree seeking basis can later be applied toward advanced standing in the Master of Architecture curriculum by those students who meet the School's admission requirements.

## **Admission into the School of Architecture & Community Design (SACD)**

In order to enroll in the Master of Architecture program, interested students must be accepted into the University as well as the School. Undergraduate students must be accepted into the University of South Florida by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and into the School of Architecture & Community Design by the College of The Arts. These are separate admissions processes that involve different application forms, supportive materials, and deadlines. For more detailed information, students should see Undergraduate Admissions online and visit the SACD website at <http://www.arch.usf.edu/>.