

# COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA 2017-2018 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:

- 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.
- Is relevant to local communities.
- Advances the contemporary state of critical practice.
- Provokes (stimulates/instigates) critical discourse on architecture and urbanism.
- Explores (embraces) emerging technologies.
- Is innovative, disciplinary, and interdisciplinary.

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 108 credit hour, Master of Architecture program. In recognition of students' various personal and economic needs, the School has designed three different 108 credit hour tracks, an 8-semester track, a 10-semester track, and an 11-semester track.

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 2131C Introduction to Architectural Design and

Graphics ARC 2135C Introduction to Architectural Design

and Graphics II Creative art or design courses (minimum 8 credit hours)

An undergraduate course in Calculus (with a C or better);

An undergraduate course in Physics (with a C or better);

An undergraduate course in Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) (with a B or better);

A GRE test score.

### 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

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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 of South Florida as well as the School of Architecture and Community Design. Undergraduate students must be accepted into the University of South Florida by the Office of 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 the Office of Admissions online at <http://www.usf.edu/admissions/> and visit the SACD website at <http://www.arch.usf.edu/>.