

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE of ARCHITECTURE and DESIGN

Undergraduate Admission Information

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Admission Requirements:

- Fall semester admission ONLY.
- Freshman Application: <https://www.applytexas.org> or <http://www.commonapp.org/>
 - Application is available August 1
 - Priority Deadline: January 3 (for university scholarships)
 - Final Deadline: When spaces are filled
- Current UH Student, Change of Major Application
 - General Petition
 - Priority Deadline: February 1
 - Final Deadline: When spaces are filled
- Transfer Application: <https://www.applytexas.org> or <http://www.commonapp.org/>
 - Application is available August 1
 - Priority Deadline: February 1
 - Final Deadline: When spaces are filled
 - Submit official transcripts from each institution attended
- Portfolio.
 - Approximately 8.5"x11"x1" or smaller—no big portfolios, please.
 - Examples of portfolios include 3-Ring binders, spiral binding at print shops, and Shutterfly/photo books.
 - Hard copies are preferred (no digital copies, please).
 - **Securely bound**—no loose papers. (spiral bound, 3-ring binder, etc).
 - Copies/photos of the work preferred (please, no originals).
 - Creative emphasis.
 - Any form of art: paintings, drawings, sculptures, graphic design, etc.
 - No need for architecture/industrial design-related submissions. We do not expect students to have this background before admission.
 - Auto-cad or other 3D modeling software creations will be accepted, but we encourage students to also submit creative work.
 - Submitted directly to the College of Architecture and Design, room 151.
- No specific coursework must be completed prior to admission. See below for recommendations.
- Average GPA for admitted change of major students is 3.0.
 - The CoAD looks at all materials submitted. A lower GPA can be off-set with a strong portfolio.
 - Student must be in good academic standing (2.0 GPA or higher).
- Decisions.
 - Many receive decisions after Fall semester grades have been posted.
 - Students with average grades after Fall will have decisions deferred until after Spring grades have posted.
 - All decisions are delivered via postal mail to the address they provide on their General Petition.

Courses for Non-Majors:

- ARCH 1200**—Introduction to Design
 - Fall semester only.
 - No pre-requisites.
- ARCH 2350**—Survey of Architectural History I
 - Fall semester only.
 - Pre-Requisite: ENGL 1304.
 - Core category: Creative Arts.
- ARCH 2351**—Survey of Architectural History II
 - Spring semester only.
 - Pre-Requisite: ENGL 1304
 - May be taken before ARCH 2350.
 - Core category: Creative Arts.
- ARCH 3397**—Computer Modeling
 - Offered most semesters.
 - No pre-requisites.
 - Modeling using 3ds MAX Design, Rhino with Grasshopper & V-Ray, Revit.
- ARCH 3397**—Rendering
 - Offered most semesters.
 - No formal pre-requisites.
 - Knowledge of Sketchup or AutoCAD is helpful.
 - Lighting, materials, cameras and animation using 3ds MAX Design and web design using Adobe Flash.

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- ☐ **Communication (6 credits)**
 - ENGL 1303—First Year Writing I
 - ENGL 1304—First Year Writing II
 - ENGL 1370—Freshman Composition II (Honors)
 - ENGL 2361—Western World Literature II (Honors)
- ☐ **Mathematics (3 credits)**
 - MATH 1310—College Algebra
 - MATH 1431—Calculus
- ☐ **Mathematics/Reasoning (3 credits)**
 - MATH 1330—Pre-calculus
 - MATH 1432—Calculus II
- ☐ **Life and Physical Science (6 credits)**
 - PHYS 1301—Introductory General Physics I
 - PHYS 1302—Introductory General Physics II
 - PHYS 1321—University Physics I
 - PHYS 1322—University Physics II
- ☐ **Creative Arts (3 credits)**
 - ARCH 2350—See above
 - ARCH 2351—See above
- ☐ **American History (6 credits)**
 - Any from the approved core list
- ☐ **Government/Political Science (6 credits)**
 - POLS 1336—U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Politics
 - POLS 1337—U.S. Government: Congress, President, and Courts
- ☐ **Language, Philosophy, Culture (3 credits)**
 - Any from the approved core list
- ☐ **Social & Behavioral Science (3 credits)**
 - Any from the approved core list
- ☐ **Writing in the Disciplines (3 credits)**
 - ARCH 1359—Design Since 1945
 - Open to declared majors only
 - Must wait until after admission to enroll in this course

Academic Programs:

Common themes among all programs

- Creative & hands on
- Students must be self-driven
- Team work
- Communicate verbally and graphically
- Research-driven
- ☐ **Bachelor of Architecture**
 - 5-year professional program from time of admission
 - Minimum 160 credits to complete
 - Accredited by National Architectural Accrediting Board
 - Academically prepares students for professional practice—students must fulfill all components of licensure requirements
- ☐ **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design**
 - Pre-Professional Architecture degree
 - Minimum 128 credits to complete
 - Applicants are encouraged to start in the Bachelor of Architecture program and decide at a later date which academic path they prefer
 - Graduates of the B.S. Environmental Design degree must pursue an accredited graduate degree in Architecture for licensure eligibility
- ☐ **Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture**
 - 4-year program from time of admission
 - Minimum 132 credits to complete
 - Integrates large and small scale design
 - Students interested in Architecture licensure need to pursue an accredited graduate degree in Architecture upon Interior Architecture undergraduate degree completion.
- ☐ **Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design**
 - 4-year program
 - Minimum 132 credits to complete
 - Established in 2003; First in a four-state region: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico
 - Product design