

**Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design**  
**Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture**  
Summer 2023 Dates: June 20 – July 21

**2022 Application**

**Application Deadline:** Applications begin to be reviewed and are given priority if received by May 15, 2023. After this date, applications will be reviewed based upon available space until June 10, 2023.

**Program Fee:** \$1,250 due by June 15. A non-refundable \$200 deposit or the full tuition due within 2 weeks of acceptance.

The University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture is designed to introduce students to the discipline of architecture. As a five-week intensive summer program, it will provide an experientially rich introduction to architectural education and help develop portfolio materials for college applications.

The Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture is geared for students who have little or no background in architecture. The curriculum is designed to introduce the conceptual, technical, pragmatic, artistic, historical and professional concerns of the discipline allowing for participants to individually develop their interest in the field through first-hand experience. Applicants to the Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture are expected to be 18 or older, have a high school diploma and one semester (minimum) of collegiate work at time of application, and are typically considering applying to college degree programs in architecture.

The program is an immersive introductory experience in architecture. Held in the graduate studios and taught by university-level faculty in the College of Architecture and Design, this five-week program integrates an intensive studio experience with daily lectures, presentations, workshops and films to introduce: key concepts in architectural history and building practices; profiles of architects past and present; and critical case studies of exceptional representative buildings. A series of field trips will provide a first-hand experience of some of the region's premier architectural offices as well as special access to buildings of special note in Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin. For those who satisfactorily complete the program, faculty are able to provide critical letters of reference that aid in future admissions processes.

Students are provided 24 hour access to individual workstations in the graduate studios at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design for the duration of the five-week session. The direct use of the studio environment and its supporting faculty, technologies, shops, libraries, and classrooms allows for a premier introductory experience. The studio environment has a low student to faculty ratio providing for daily individual attention from faculty along with collective group discussions and presentations. The curricular pedagogy develops architectural thinking through conceptual examinations of site, space, program, materials, structures and form all relative to experience. Individually developed studio projects provide core development of beginning design principles. Reviews of student work draw from faculty and practitioners from across the broader Houston architectural community.

This program prepares students for consideration in the graduate architecture programs nationally and specifically at the University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design.

Enrollment is limited. University housing is available at an additional cost and is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. After posted deadlines, program and housing applications are accepted on a space available basis only.

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**Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture:**

The five week program holds classes Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design's graduate architecture studios. Set in the shadow of downtown Houston in an iconic Philip Johnson Building, students have access to the full facilities of the College including a world class Architecture and Fine Arts Library as well as the Keeland Design Exploration Lab.

The program pedagogy is rooted in a studio format with individual student design projects. Critical individual project development and focused deadlines will require students to devote significant time during their weekend and evening hours for successful project completion. Class time is devoted to individual studio work; group reviews; collective lectures, discussions, readings, and a film series. Outside of class time, students are able to access their spaces and work independently. Using the studio model, individual project presentations and critical reviews will take place at the end of each design project.

**Transfer Credit**

The University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture is a non-credit program and does not appear on university transcripts. Dependent upon the particular institution and program in which each student enrolls, credit for the Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture may be granted by that institution.

**Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture Admissions**

The University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture is an introduction to the profession and is open to anyone with a high school diploma and at least one semester of college completed, who is seriously interested in exploring architecture as a field of professional study, regardless of experience. There are no specific academic standards however, the admission process attempts to identify students who have the interest, initiative, discipline and ability to take full advantage of the program. The program is intended for college or post college students seeking to study architecture at a college level or as a minor at their home institution. The course requires no specialized knowledge or background beyond a serious interest in architectural design.

*Program Application Procedure*

To apply to the GDHCOAD Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture students must submit the following materials in a single PDF:

Application form

CV (*Please include academic and professional experience, achievements, awards, extracurricular undertakings, hobbies, travel*)

Transcripts from all colleges/universities attended

Applications are not considered complete until ALL of the above materials have been received. Applicants may submit a portfolio or samples of creative work for added consideration. Submission materials are only accepted digitally. Applicants should send high quality images of their creative work samples.

All application and payment submission deadlines refer to dates of post-mark.

The Non-refundable program deposit of \$200 – payable by check or money order - will be due within two weeks of acceptance along with signed copies of the indemnity release and photo release.

### **Nondiscrimination Policy**

The University of Houston, with one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, seeks to recruit and retain a diverse community of students.

The University of Houston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. Minorities, women, veterans and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

In accordance with University of Houston policy, the College of Architecture and Design does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, veteran status or handicap in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities. Every effort will be made to ensure fairness and consistency in the school's relations with its students, faculty, and staff.

### **Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture Program Fee**

Program Fee for the Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture 2022 is **\$1,250**.

Payment is due by June 10, 2023.

If currently a UH student, the student will pay the tuition fee through the UH payment system.

Check should be payable to:

University of Houston  
4200 Elgin St  
Houston, TX 77204-4000

*Include in the memo: Student's Name + "CoAD Pre-Graduate Summer Program"*

This fee includes all tuition, field trips and a supply kit with all necessary equipment. A list of all items included in the program supply kit will be made available in your acceptance packet. Students may choose to augment this selection of tools at their discretion. Students should plan on spending approximately **\$100** for additional model building materials that may be necessary for their individual project constructions.

The program is currently unable to offer scholarships or financial aid.