Thank you for your interest in The University of Texas at Arlington’s School of Architecture. You’ve embarked on a career path in a field of study as old as human civilization itself, the examination of the spaces in which we live our lives and define ourselves as individuals and as a culture.

When examined together, Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture address very real-world concerns about how we live and function in our world. At the same time, they exist and flourish as a discipline at the very highest level of artistic and aesthetic expression.

The University of Texas at Arlington’s program has been recognized as one of the very finest in the nation. *DesignIntelligence* Magazine recently ranked UT Arlington’s Graduate Architecture program as second in their listing of top schools in the South. More impressively, particularly for new students eager to find their own path, the School of Architecture was also listed as the top school in the South in the magazine’s list of Most Innovative Architecture Programs.

The UT Arlington campus is ideally situated in the center of one the region’s largest and most diverse urban areas, creating an ideal laboratory environment where the concepts being discussed in the classroom take shape all around.

We thank you for your interest in our program.

*The School of Architecture at The University of Texas at Arlington offers undergraduate and professional education in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Interior Design. All three programs are professionally accredited and internationally recognized with successful graduates in leadership positions in practice, industry, and academia. We are proud of the sustained record of achievement of our students and faculty.*

*The study of architecture is a broad continuum, stretching from the fine arts at one extreme, through the humanities and social sciences, and to the physical sciences at the other. Design as a mode of thought and discovery, as well as a professional skill, is at the core of the School’s academic philosophy.*

*The School is a community of scholars that simultaneously promotes personal development and collaborative learning in an environment of intellectual experimentation. Furthermore, the School is ideally situated in the epicenter of a vibrant metropolitan laboratory. Masterworks of design found throughout the region stimulate the imagination and real-life environmental problems challenge the creativity of the committed student.*

Donald F. Gatzke AIA
Dean, 2004-2014
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The four-year Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree is a pre-professional degree. It provides the basis for various career possibilities, including the professional degree of Master of Architecture; this advanced degree is normally awarded after two years of graduate study and is fully accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and forms our 4+2 program model. Or students can pursue the Master of Landscape Architecture; this advanced degree is normally awarded after three years of graduate study and is fully accredited Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB).

The Bachelor of Science in Interior Design is a four-year program, interdisciplinary with architecture, on the design of interior environments. Following the two-year Basic Studies sequence, the student completes two years of Major Studies, an intensive series of courses and studios on the theory, history, skill, and practice of interior design. The program leads to the full professional degree in Interior Design. The program is fully accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

Cohort / Program Sequencing: The undergraduate programs in the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Arlington are organized in a structured cohort format. A cohort is a group of students that follows the same set schedule and progresses through a program together. The sequential scheduling of the courses promotes an interactive learning environment and facilitates networking opportunities and career-strengthening relationships. The undergraduate programs in the School of Architecture consist of a sequence of courses that takes a minimum of eight semesters (4 years) to complete for freshman, transfer and international students. The courses are offered in specific semesters that require the students to complete the prior level before proceeding to the next level. If a student gets off-track in the cohort, she/he must wait until the missing course(s) are offered again.

GPA/Grade Requirements: Upon admission to the Major Studies, all declared majors must possess and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8 in both SOA courses and in the cumulative GPA to continue in the upper level program to satisfy requirements for graduation. A grade of C or higher must be earned in each School of Architecture course used for credit toward an undergraduate degree offered by the school. A grade of C or higher must also be earned in all required Math courses. Students cannot retake courses in which a grade of C or higher was earned.

Repetition of Courses: Three attempts to achieve a satisfactory grade ("C" or better) are permitted for each required course in the School of Architecture. Beyond that number of attempts, the student is denied access to the course in question, or to the sequence of courses for which it is requisite. Enrollment in the course for the time sufficient to receive a grade, including the grade “W”, is considered an attempt.

Student Projects: The School of Architecture reserves the right to retain, copyright, use, exhibit, reproduce, and publish any work submitted for course credit. The student is encouraged to develop a portfolio of all work accomplished in courses for future professional and academic uses.

ARCH 1101/INTD 1101. ACADEMIC SUCCESS SKILLS IN ARCHITECTURE/INTERIOR DESIGN: Required course to establish a solid overview of UT Arlington, the School of Architecture and the architecture/interior design program for all students who intend to declare as an architecture/interior design major.

Double Major in Architecture & Interior Design: Our program does not have the option of double-majoring in Architecture and Interior Design; students would need to choose one of the programs in which to major. Students interested in both will usually complete the BS Interior Design then complete the Masters of Architecture (3.5 years) to receive a professional degree in both programs.

Laptop Initiative: All declared Architecture and Interior Design majors admitted to the Third Year (Major Studies) are required to have a personal laptop computer configured to the specifications defined by the School of Architecture.
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Specifications can be found on the Architecture website: [http://www.uta.edu/architecture/resources/laptops/purchase-requirement.php](http://www.uta.edu/architecture/resources/laptops/purchase-requirement.php)

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

Admission into the School of Architecture is only available in the fall semesters. Students must complete the admissions process before the **June 1st deadline**. We will accept the first 300 students (freshman and transfer combined) to have completed their admissions process and enrollment at orientation.

Students should apply through the Office of Admissions and list Architecture or Interior Design as their major of choice; there is not a separate admission process into the School of Architecture.

All freshmen entering students majoring in Architecture and Interior Design are admitted as Architecture University College (ARCH_UCOL) or Interior Design University College (INTD_UCOL) intended majors.

- **Apply for Admissions**
  - The first step is to apply for admissions to the University and list Architecture or Interior Design as your major of choice.
  - Admission into the School of Architecture is during the fall semester only.
  - [http://www.uta.edu/uta/admissions.php](http://www.uta.edu/uta/admissions.php)

- **Orientation**
  - If accepted to the University, you must then register to attend a New Maverick Orientation session.
  - Attending an in-person orientation session is mandatory for all freshmen.
  - On the day of orientation, there will be a presentation by the School of Architecture Advising staff. At which time, we will go through program requirements and degree plans.
  - For the 1st year, students are advised by the **School of Architecture Liaison**, in the University Advising Center in Ransom Hall.
    - After completing 24-30 hours at UTA with a minimum of 2.5 GPA overall and within the major, freshmen then transition into the intended program.
  - Any students who have completed Architecture, Interior Design, or any other college level design courses are encouraged to submit a portfolio to the School of Architecture as soon as admittance to the University is approved. (See Portfolio Review information in Transfer Students section)

- **Math Aptitude Test (MAT)**
  - Students must take the MAT before attending orientation. A MAT score of 17+ required to enroll in the Math classes required for the School of Architecture.
  - Visit this site for more information ([http://www.uta.edu/math/pages/main/mpt.htm](http://www.uta.edu/math/pages/main/mpt.htm)).

**Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs):** A Maverick Scholars Group (FIG) for first-year students to merge their academic priorities with their personal and social goals. Each FIG consists of 15-22 students who share the same major or interest. These freshmen enroll in similar class schedules-usually sharing three to four core classes-and participate in our specially designed Freshman Seminar, which allows them to begin working together with faculty and staff from their chosen major as soon as they arrive on campus. In addition, each FIG features the support of an upper-class student, called a peer academic leader, who can offer advice, support and mentoring as the student progresses through his or her first year.

How far you take your education depends on how far you want to go in your career. That’s why UT Arlington offers the Maverick Scholars program to help you reach your goals sooner and with total confidence. Consider this: Students who join a FIG often experience an easier adjustment to college life, earn higher grade point averages, and graduate on time.
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more frequently than students not in the program. ([http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/prospective/maverick-scholars/figs/application-process.php](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/prospective/maverick-scholars/figs/application-process.php))

Students not in the FIG are required to take ARCH/INTD 1101.

TRANSFER STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Admission into the School of Architecture is only available in the fall semesters. Students must complete the admissions process before the **June 1st deadline**. We will accept the first 300 students (freshman and transfer combined) to have completed their admissions process and **enrollment at orientation**.

Students should apply through the Office of Admissions and list Architecture or Interior Design as their major of choice; there is not a separate admission process into the School of Architecture.

All transfer entering students majoring in Architecture and Interior Design are admitted as Architecture_Intended (ARCH_int) or Interior Design_Intended (INTD_int) intended majors. Intended major students complete the 1st and 2nd Year Architecture courses in the course sequence while completing the Core Curriculum.

- **Apply for Admissions**
  - The first step is to apply for admissions to the University and list Architecture or Interior Design as your major of choice.
  - Admission into the School of Architecture is during the fall semester only.
  - [http://www.uta.edu/uta/admissions.php](http://www.uta.edu/uta/admissions.php)
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to our program sequencing, our undergraduate programs cannot be completed in less than 8 semesters (4 years).

- **Orientation**
  - If accepted to the University, you must then register to attend a New Maverick Orientation session.
  - **Attending an in-person orientation session is mandatory for all transfer students entering UT Arlington and the School of Architecture.**
  - [http://www.uta.edu/orientation/transfers/index.php](http://www.uta.edu/orientation/transfers/index.php)
  - On the morning of orientation, there will be a presentation by the School of Architecture Advising staff. At which time, we will go through program requirements, explain the degree plans and we will go through the classes in which you will need to register for that semester (this will be your advising session).
  - The afternoon of orientation, we will have open hours after the presentation from 3-5 pm to give students an opportunity to meet with one of our advisors one-on-one if you have more questions.

- **Math Aptitude Test (MAT):**
  - Students must take the MAT before attending orientation. A MAT score of 17+ required to enroll in the Math classes required for the School of Architecture.
    - Visit this site for more information ([http://www.uta.edu/math/pages/main/mpt.htm](http://www.uta.edu/math/pages/main/mpt.htm)).

**Portfolio Review:** All transfer students who have completed Architecture, Interior Design, or any other college level design courses are encouraged to submit a portfolio to the School of Architecture as soon as admittance to the University is approved. **Please note that our program is design based, please include projects that shows freehand drawing and model building skills.**

Portfolios must be received at the School of Architecture (601 W. Nedderman Dr., Suite 203, Arlington, TX 76019-0108) to the attention of the Undergraduate Advisors prior to registration advising at orientation. The portfolio must clearly
demonstrate creative and communicative skills in written and graphic form. A complete transcript of all professional courses accompanied by the catalog descriptions from the originating institutions must be included.

Portfolio should be no larger and 11”x14” in printed form. Do not send slides, original work or email attachments. A postage-paid, self-addressed return envelope must be included for return of the work to the candidate. The portfolio will be reviewed to determine the student’s placement within the curricular sequence. **Please be sure to mail or deliver your portfolio to the School of Architecture office at least a week prior to your orientation date.**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS**

Admission into the School of Architecture is only available in the fall semesters. Students must complete the admissions process before the **June 1st deadline**. We will accept the first 300 students (freshman and transfer combined) to have completed their admissions process and **enrollment at orientation**.

Students should apply through the Office of Admissions and list Architecture or Interior Design as their major of choice; there is not a separate admission process into the School of Architecture.

All entering international transfer students majoring in Architecture and Interior Design are admitted as Architecture_Intended (ARCH_int) or Interior Design_Intended (INTD_int) intended majors. Intended major students complete the 1st and 2nd Year Architecture courses in the course sequence while completing the Core Curriculum.

All entering international freshmen students majoring in Architecture and Interior Design are admitted as Architecture University College (ARCH_UCOL) or Interior Design University College (INTD_UCOL) intended majors.

- **Apply for Admissions**
  - The first step is to apply for admissions to the University and list Architecture or Interior Design as your major of choice.
  - Admission into the School of Architecture is during the fall semester only.
  - [http://www.uta.edu/uta/admissions.php](http://www.uta.edu/uta/admissions.php)
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to our program sequencing, our undergraduate programs cannot be completed in less than 8 semesters (4 years) **even for transfer students**.
  - **Transfer Equivalency Guide:** [http://www.uta.edu/admissions/transfers/apply/credit/equivalency.php](http://www.uta.edu/admissions/transfers/apply/credit/equivalency.php)

- **Orientation**
  - If accepted to the University, you must then contact the Office of International Education ([http://www.uta.edu/oie/](http://www.uta.edu/oie/)) to receive more information and schedule to attend Orientation.
  - **Attending an in-person orientation session is mandatory for all transfer students entering UT Arlington and the School of Architecture.**

After meeting with an OIE advisor at orientation, then Freshman International students will go to the University Advising Center to also meet with a University College advisor; Transfer International students meet with a SoA advisor.

- **Math Aptitude Test (MAT):**
  - Students must take the MAT before attending orientation. A MAT score of 17+ required to enroll in the Math classes required for the School of Architecture.
  - Visit this site for more information ([http://www.uta.edu/math/pages/main/mpt.htm](http://www.uta.edu/math/pages/main/mpt.htm)).
Students interested in architecture who have an excessive amount of hours (60+) you are encouraged to check into other programs to see if they can complete another Bachelor’s degree in less than 4 years, then apply for the Master of Architecture (professional) degree.

Instead of a 2 year Master, it will be a 3.5 year program to provide foundation not received as an undergraduate.

Students must first apply for admissions to the University (http://grad.pci.uta.edu/) for the fall semester only.

Master of Architecture Path A Program
This path is for applicants who hold a Bachelor’s degree in a field other than architecture. http://www.uta.edu/architecture/academic-programs/graduate/ms-architecture.php
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FRESHMEN, admitted as:
• ARCH_UCOL or INTD_UCOL
  ▪ Advised by UAC Advisor
  ▪ Must complete 24-30 hours with a minimum 2.5 GPA both overall at UTA and within the major to transition to ARCH_intended or INTD_intended
• ARCH_INTENDED or INTD_INTENDED
  ▪ Advised by SOA Advisors
  ▪ Must complete
    ➢ ALL department required core;
    ➢ ALL 1st & 2nd year major courses;
    ➢ Have a MINIMUM 2.8 GPA overall at UTA and within the major to declare major as ARCH or INTD
• ARCH_MAJOR or INTD MAJOR
  ▪ Advised by SOA Advisors
  ▪ Must complete
    ➢ ALL department required electives;
    ➢ ALL 3rd & 4th year major courses;
    ➢ Must maintain a MINIMUM 2.8 GPA overall at UTA and within the major to continue in the program and graduate.

TRANSFERS, admitted as:
• ARCH_INTENDED or INTD_INTENDED
  ▪ Advised by SOA Advisors
  ▪ Must complete
    ➢ ALL department required core;
    ➢ ALL 1st & 2nd year major courses;
    ➢ Have a MINIMUM 2.8 GPA overall at UTA and within the major to declare major as ARCH or INTD
• ARCH_MAJOR or INTD MAJOR
  ▪ Advised by SOA Advisors
  ▪ Must complete
    ➢ ALL department required electives;
    ➢ ALL 3rd & 4th year major courses;
    ➢ Must maintain a MINIMUM 2.8 GPA overall at UTA and within the major to continue in the program and graduate.

In 2nd semester of 3rd year, students should arrange to meet with the graduate advisor to discuss admissions into the PATH-B Graduate program (for ARCH students) or the PATH-A Graduate program (for non-ARCH students)- Admissions is not automatic.
### COURSE SEQUENCE – ARCHITECTURE

#### First Year

**First Semester (Fall):**
- ARCH 1101- Academic Success Skills in Architecture (*required for degree; not counted in 128 program hours*)
- ARCH 1301- Introduction to Architecture and Interior Design
- ARCH 1341- Design Communications I
- ENGL 1301- Rhetoric and Composition I
- MATH 1341- Preparation for Calculus
- POLS 2312- State & Local Government

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

**Second Semester (Spring):**
- ARCH 1342- Design Communications II
- ENGL 1302- Rhetoric and Composition II
- HIST 1311- U.S. History
- MATH 1327- Architectural Calculus
- Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective-3 hrs

**Total Credit Hours: 15 hrs.**

#### Second Year

**First Semester (Fall):**
- ARCH 2303- History of Architecture and Design I
- ARCH 2551- Basic Design + Draw I
- HIST 1312- U.S. History
- Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective-3hrs.
- PHYS 1441- General College Physics

**Total Credit Hours: 18 hrs.**

**Second Semester (Spring):**
- ARCH 2304- History of Architecture and Design II
- ARCH 2552- Basic Design + Draw II
- Literature Elective-3hrs.
- PHYS 1442- General College Physics
- POLS 2311- Government of the United States

**Total Credit Hours: 18 hrs.**

Note: In order to declare your major in Architecture, students must be advised by the Undergraduate Advisor prior to enrolling in any course at the 3000 level or above. Must have completed all Basic Studies (1st & 2nd year ARCH/INTD) courses, all core hours, must have a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA overall at UTA, a 2.8 GPA within the School of Architecture, and a laptop.

#### Third Year

**First Semester (Fall):**
- ARCH 3323- Construction Materials + Structural Concepts
- ARCH 3343- Architecture Computer Graphics
- ARCH 3553- Design Studio: Architecture I
- Advanced ARCH Elective-3hrs.
- University Elective-3 hrs.

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

**Second Semester (Spring):**
- ARCH 3324- Structures I
- ARCH 3331- Architecture & Environment
- ARCH 3337- Site Development
- ARCH 3554- Design Studio: Architecture II

**Total Credit Hours: 14 hrs.**

Note: Students should meet with an advisor prior to registration for this year to finalize their degree requirements.

#### Fourth Year

**First Semester (Fall):**
- ARCH 4321- Structural Systems in Buildings
- ARCH 4556- Design Studio: Architecture III
- Advanced Arch History Elective-3hrs.
- Advanced Elective-3hrs.
- Advanced Elective-3hrs.

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

**Second Semester (Spring):**
- ARCH 4557- Design Studio: Architecture IV
- Advanced Arch Theory Elective-3hrs.
- Advanced Elective-3 hrs.
- Advanced Elective-3hrs.

**Total Credit Hours: 14 hrs.**
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## COURSE SEQUENCE – INTERIOR DESIGN

### First Year

**First Semester (Fall):**
- ARCH 1301 - Introduction to Architecture and Interior Design
- ARCH 1341 - Design Communications I
- INTD 1101 - Academic Success Skills in Interior Design
- MATH 1341 - Preparation for Calculus
- PHYS 1301 - Physics for Non-Specialists
- POLS 2312 - State & Local Government

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

**Second Semester (Spring):**
- ARCH 1342 - Design Communications II
- ENGL 1301 - Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing I
- HIST 1311 - U.S. History
- MATH 1327 - Architectural Calculus
- PHYS 1302 - Physics for Non-Specialists

**Total Credit Hours: 15 hrs.**

### Second Year

**First Semester (Fall):**
- ARCH 2303 - History of Architecture and Design I
- ARCH 2551 - Basic Design + Draw I
- ENGL 1302 - Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing II
- HIST 1312 - U.S. History
- POLS 2311 - Government of the United States

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

**Second Semester (Spring):**
- ARCH 2304 - History of Architecture and Design II
- ARCH 2552 - Basic Design + Draw II
- Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective - 3 hrs.
- Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective - 3 hrs.
- Literature Elective - 3 hrs.

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

**Note:** In order to declare your major in Interior Design, students must be advised by the Undergraduate Advisor prior to enrolling in any course at the 3000 level or above. Must have completed all Basic Studies (1st & 2nd year ARCH/INTD) courses, all core hours, must have a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA overall at UTA, a 2.8 GPA within the School of Architecture, and a laptop.

### Third Year

**First Semester (Fall):**
- INTD 3305 - History of Interior Design
- INTD 3321 - Interior Materials I
- INTD 3343 - Design Communications III
- INTD 3553 - Design Studio: Interiors I

**Total Credit Hours: 14 hrs.**

**Second Semester (Spring):**
- INTD 3322 - Interior Materials II
- INTD 3323 - Lighting
- INTD 3357 - Building Information Modeling
- INTD 3555 - Design Studio: Interiors II
- Art History - 3 hrs

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

**Note:** Students must have an approved degree plan prior to registration for this year.

### Fourth Year

**First Semester (Fall):**
- INTD 4332 - Professional Practice
- INTD 4345 - Architectural Graphics
- INTD 4368 - Interior Detailing
- INTD 4393 - Internship *(or INTD 4395-approved advanced elective)*
- INTD 4562 - Design Studio

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

**Second Semester (Spring):**
- INTD 4344 - Design Communications IV
- INTD 4369 - Furniture Design
- INTD 4394 - Design Research Methods and Application
- INTD 4563 - Design Studio

**Total Credit Hours: 14 hrs.**
What is the Definition of Design?
Design is a roadmap or a strategic approach for someone to achieve a unique expectation. It defines the specifications, plans, parameters, costs, activities, processes and how and what to do within legal, political, social, environmental, safety and economic constraints in achieving that objective. It is also the creation of a plan or convention for the construction of an object or a system (as in architectural blueprints, engineering drawings, business processes, circuit diagrams, industrial products, etc...)
Design has different connotations in different fields as defined by different design disciplines. In some cases, the direct construction of an object (pottery, graphic design, jewelry, etc...) is also considered design.

What is the Definition of Architecture?
Architecture can be defined as the art and science of designing and erecting buildings and other physical structures. The practice of the architect consists of the offering or rendering of professional services in connection with the design and construction of buildings, or build environment.
In relation to buildings, architecture entails the process of planning, designing and constructing forms, space and ambiance that reflect functional, technical, social, environmental, and aesthetic considerations. It requires the creative manipulation and coordination of material, technology, light and shadow. Architecture encompasses the pragmatic aspects of realizing buildings and structures, including the scheduling, cost estimating, and construction administration. As documentation produced by architects, typically drawings, plans and technical specifications, architecture defines the structure and/or behavior of a building or any other kind of system that is to be or has been constructed.

What does an Architect do?
Architects design all types of buildings from a small house to larger scale structures such as museums, theaters, schools, etc. Many architects also design neighborhoods, urban areas, and sometimes even entire cities.

What qualities are important for an Architect to possess?
Intellectual curiosity, love for creative activities, passion for humanity, willingness to continue learning, attention to detail, interest in craft, concern for accuracy, attention to precision, awareness of social and cultural issues.

How does an Architect differ from Engineers?
Engineers design materials, structures and systems while considering the limitations imposed by practicality, safety and cost. Engineers design the engineering aspects of buildings such as structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing. Engineers also design roads, highways, factories etc. Architects are trained to understand and be familiar with engineering and structural aspects of buildings.

How does Interior Design differ from Architecture?
The main difference between architecture and interior design is typically the scale that they work at. Interior design tends to "zoom-in" at the scale of the individual user. An interior designer may design a furniture plan for a large office building or he/she may customize the cabinetry and hardware for a master bathroom. Architects may work at this increased scale when they are designing a detailed private residence, but the focus may also "zoom-out" to include large complexes of buildings or even urban design problems, such as the design of neighborhoods.

Architects and interior designers are licensed to guarantee the health, safety and welfare of building occupants. The responsibility of the architect includes the adequacy of the building structural system, whereas interior designers are not licensed to provide structural services.
MOST COMMON QUESTION ABOUT: Architecture

What can I do with a degree in Architecture?
Many things; first and foremost to become an architect, however, some people with an architectural degree enter into the fields of interior design, construction, stage design, film, furniture design, building legal analyst, etc...

Why study Architecture at the University of Texas at Arlington?
We offer a nationally recognized program in architecture located in one of the most vibrant metropolitan areas in the US, with a wide range of Study Abroad Programs and Exchange Programs with many European and Central American countries. UT-Arlington School of Architecture is a design-focused school with degreed programs in undergraduate and graduate studies.

What is the benefit in graduating from an accredited program of Architecture?
In order to be able to take the Architectural Exam and become a licensed architect, one needs a professional degree (masters or bachelor degree in architecture) from an accredited school of architecture.

What is the curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Architecture?
It is a four-year undergraduate degree in architecture. Bachelor of Science in Architecture at UTA is NOT a professional degree in Architecture.

What is the difference between a four-year degree program and a five year degree program?
Some schools offer a four-year undergraduate program in architecture leading to either a BA or a BS in architecture. This four-year degree is a “pre-professional” degree and is not adequate for a license. The student seeking a license will then continue for two more years and receive an M.Arch (a "first professional degree"), either from the same institution or at another. Often the two programs of study are interrupted by a period of professional experience. This path is often referred to as a "4 + 2" program.

Schools that offer a five-year program provide a Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) degree. This is a "professional degree", one that satisfies the academic requirements for a license. After earning the degree, the aspiring architect must work in a licensed office as an intern, and is then eligible to sit for the licensing exam. Five-year programs are for those who are 100% certain they want to become architects, as there is not as much of a liberal arts emphasis.

If you think you may be interested in pursuing other career paths, it is highly recommended that you follow the four year degree program in order to obtain knowledge and skills applicable to other fields such as; Construction, Construction Management, Real Estate, Interior Design, Furniture Design, Stage Design, Architectural Photography, Graphic Design, etc...

Please note that with either program, you will study for at least 6 years if you want to obtain a Master’s degree (M.Arch).

How hard is the Program?
Architecture is a time consuming academic field - not harder than Medicine or Law, but hard.
After graduation, what do I have to do to become a Registered Architect?

All of NCARB’s 54 U.S. jurisdictions have an experience requirement that must be documented and completed before one becomes licensed. This time between fulfilling the education requirement and getting licensed is referred to as an architectural internship. NCARB’s Intern Development Program (IDP) guides interns through this process and is the standard accepted means of completing the experience requirement in almost all U.S. jurisdictions. Download the IDP Guidelines [http://www.ncarb.org/%7E/media/Files/PDF/Guidelines/IDP_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.ncarb.org/%7E/media/Files/PDF/Guidelines/IDP_Guidelines.pdf)

Applicants must work for a registered architect long enough to meet the minimum required Intern Development Program (IDP) requirements to qualify for licensure. All architecture students may register for the IDP program as soon as they are enrolled in a NAAB accredited architecture program. A portion of IDP can be earned through internship and part-time work while studying architecture. It is not the intention of NCARB, nor is it recommended by the School of Architecture that students work while attending University. The goal of early registration in IDP is for students to be able to receive credit for part-time employment, in an approved setting, during the summer or for any internship served while taking time off from school or between undergraduate and graduate schools.

In the state of Texas, the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) offers an “Early Exam Route”. This is offered to applicants who have earned the required NAAB Accredited degree and have completed at least six months full time or 12 months part time in an approved work environment. This is specific to the state of Texas. Any applicant applying for registration in a different state must research the testing requirements for that jurisdiction. Qualified applicants may complete the Architectural Records Examination (ARE) prior to completion of the IDP program. In such cases licensure will be granted upon completion of the IDP requirements and the proper forms have been filed with the TBAE and NCARB.

What is the average salary of an Architect?

The Bureau of Labor statistics reports the median annual wage for architects was $72,550 in 2010. The best paid 10 percent in the profession made approximately $119,500, while the bottom 10 percent made approximately $ 42,860. The highest paid in the profession work in the metropolitan areas of Sarasota, Fla., Allentown, Penn, and Sacramento.

Websites of interest for the Architecture Students?

http://www.archdaily.com/
http://www.ncarb.org/
http://www.tbae.state.tx.us/

Recommended books:

101 Things I learned in Architecture School
Drawing with the Right Side of your Brain
Architect?
What is the definition of Design?
Design is a plan for order. Design utilizes the elements of point, line, and plane that are combined through the principles of unity, variety, balance, hierarchy, rhythm, proportion, and scale. When these elements and principles come together in architectural design, they create space.

Peter Zumthor, Swiss architect and winner of the 2009 Pritzker prize in architecture defines design in this way; “Producing inner images is a natural process common to everyone. It is part of thinking. Associative, wild, free, ordered, and systematic thinking in images, in architectural, spatial, colorful, and sensuous pictures – this is my favorite definition of design.”

What does an Interior Designer do?
Interior Designers make interior spaces that are functional, safe, and beautiful for their users.

What qualities are important for an Interior Designer to possess?
There are three main keys to success for the Interior Designer; artistic skill and technical knowledge, skill in interpersonal communications, and management of effective business practices. (www.careersininteriordesign.com) The Interior Designer is a creative person that is able to communicate his/her vision to the client and is able to guide the interior design project through to completion with its associated budget and time constraints.

How does an Interior Designer differ from an Interior Decorator?
The Registered Interior Designer is a professional licensed by the State to provide interior design services. An interior designer performs all the services of an interior decorator but in addition possesses a tested knowledge of interior building issues & building systems that affect the health, safety, and welfare of the building users.

An interior decorator selects finishes, furniture, and accessories, for commercial or residential clients. Interior decorators are not required to have any specific educational requirements to perform their work. As a result, they may be less skilled in planning and shaping space, and less knowledgeable about construction methodology and technical aspects of creating interior environments.

How does an Interior Designer differ from Architecture?
The main difference between architecture and interior design is typically the scale that they work at. Interior design tends to "zoom-in" at the scale of the individual user. An interior designer may design a furniture plan for a large office building or he/she may customize the cabinetry and hardware for a master bathroom. Architects may work at this increased scale when they are designing a detailed private residence, but the focus may also "zoom-out" to include large complexes of buildings or even urban design problems, such as the design of neighborhoods.

Architects and interior designers are licensed to guarantee the health, safety and welfare of building occupants. The responsibility of the architect includes the adequacy of the building structural system, whereas interior designers are not licensed to provide structural services.
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What can I do with a degree in Interior Design?
- Residential Design
- Contract Design (design of office and retail spaces)
- Hospitality Design
- Lighting Design
- Furniture Design
- Specialty design such as bath or kitchen design
- Furniture or interior materials sales, including fabric, plumbing fixtures, and floor covering
- Building code or accessibility consulting
- Sustainable interiors consulting

Why study Interior Design at The University of Texas at Arlington?
In 2012, only four universities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area offer an accredited degree program in Interior Design. UT Arlington is the only local university to offer a four year professional degree, the Bachelor of Science in Interior Design, within a School of Architecture.

UT Arlington Interior Design students share a degree program that is almost identical to the architecture students in the first two years of their study. As a result, our graduates have an architectural approach to Interior Design and upon graduation are valuable contributors to architectural and interior design projects requiring collaboration across multiple disciplines.

Another benefit to study within the School of Architecture is the availability of graduate programs. Several past graduates of the Interior Design Program have entered graduate school at UT Arlington to pursue a Master of Architecture or Master of Landscape Architecture degree.

What is the benefit in graduating from an accredited program of Interior Design?
The UT Arlington Program of Interior Design is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. An accredited school undergoes periodic reviews by outside faculty and professionals to ensure that its educational programs are taught by qualified faculty, housed in appropriate facilities, and offer the student a degree that is consistent with the professional standards of the Interior Design industry. An accredited degree is an assurance to future employers that a potential employee has been appropriately trained for the demands of the profession.

What is the curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Interior Design?
The Bachelor of Science in Interior Design is a four year professional degree consisting of 128 credit hours. Upon completion of 25 credit hours of architectural basic studies and 41 credit hours within the core curriculum, the student is eligible to declare in the interior design major and start the required interior design coursework, providing the student has also met the minimum basic GPA requirements.

Declared majors in Interior Design may complete their required coursework in their third and fourth year in the program. A minimum 2.8 GPA is required within the major studies courses and a minimum 2.8 GPA overall is required for graduation. See the website [http://www.uta.edu/architecture/academic-programs/undergraduate/bs-interior-design.php](http://www.uta.edu/architecture/academic-programs/undergraduate/bs-interior-design.php) for more information.
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How hard is the program?
The program is hard, intense, challenging and great fun. But so is professional life. This is not an interior design program you can “coast” in. It’s competitive and demanding.

UT Arlington is not an elitist institution. Intelligent effort is characteristic of our most successful students. We don’t take short cuts in learning historical background, theory, or applied skills. Our students work very hard, but enjoy the work and each other immensely.

After graduation, what do I have to do to become a Registered Interior Designer?
In the State of Texas, in order to use the title of Registered Interior Designer one must be qualified through education, extensive work experience in interior design and by passing the NCIDQ registration exam.

The National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) establishes the eligibility requirements to take the licensing exam. The exam itself is administered by each state in accordance to the state laws governing professional licensure.

What is the average salary of an Interior Designer?
The median annual wage of Interior Designers (including intern level to partner level) was $46,280 in May 2010. Starting salary for recent graduates ranges from $20- 22,000.

Websites of Interest for the Interior Design Student
Careers in Interior Design:  www.careersininteriordesign.com
National Council for Interior Design Qualification:  www.ncidq.org
American Society of Interior Designers:  http://www.asid.org
International Interior Design Association:  http://www.iida.org/

Recommended books:
101 Things I learned in Architecture School
Drawing with the Right Side of your Brain
Becoming an Interior Designer
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SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE INFO

Website
http://www.uta.edu/architecture

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

AIAS – American Institute of Architecture Students

IIDA - International Interior Design Association

ASLA – American Society of Landscape Architects

TSG – Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society

USGBCS – US Green Building Council Students

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