College of Architecture, Planning & Design

Architecture, Interior Architecture & Product Design, Landscape Architecture, Regional & Community Planning

Overview

Design professionals solve complex, challenging problems with the intention of making a difference in the physical environment. The educational experience in the College of Architecture, Planning & Design will provide you with the capacity to make that difference.

The experience is enriched by having the design and planning professions in one college. We are proud of our accredited programs, which have superior quality, depth and range. The college is committed to excellence and maintaining the Kansas State University traditions of competence, thoroughness, and mastery of knowledge and skills. In addition to studio experiences, courses in history, theory, technology, construction, planning and professional practice provide students with the foundation to successfully enter professional practice.

Students in the college are able to take advantage of the intellectual resources available in related disciplines at our university through opportunities like first-year seminar, minor programs and the honors program. Within the professional curricula, students are afforded opportunities to participate in field trips, study abroad experiences, internships and/or the Kansas City Design Center.

Academics

Degree Options

K-State’s College of Architecture, Planning & Design offers three accredited professional design degree programs:

- Architecture
- Interior architecture & product design
- Landscape architecture

K-State’s College of Architecture, Planning & Design also offers an accredited, non-studio-based professional degree program:

- Regional & community planning

The five-year professional programs in architecture, interior architecture & product design, landscape architecture, and regional & community planning are designed for high school graduates, transfer students and students who already hold a degree.

First Year

Two options are available during your first year. The studio option leads to a degree in architecture, interior architecture & product design, or landscape architecture. The planning option leads to a degree in regional & community planning. Both options provide an introduction to the design and planning professions.

For most students the first year is an introduction to a way of seeing and thinking about the environments we occupy. The studio option is more than drawing. The studio introduces the visual and verbal vocabulary employed in the creation, definition and communication of space.

Faculty

Our diverse faculty is made up of professors who care deeply about their respective disciplines and who are committed to sharing their knowledge, experience and excitement with students. Faculty are involved in practice, scholarship, applied research, civic engagement, service learning and/or design-build.

Advising

Advising for both the studio and planning options is provided by professional academic advisors in the College of Architecture, Planning & Design. Advisors meet with all advisees before enrollment each semester, and they are available to assist students throughout each semester with academic planning, goal setting and referral to campus resources.

Preparation

High school students are encouraged to complete a college preparatory curriculum, including:

- 1/2 unit of trigonometry (may be incorporated in another course)
- Calculus
- 4 units of English
- History
- 3 to 4 units of science, including physics
- 3 to 4 units of social studies
- 2 to 4 units of foreign language

In addition, courses that are helpful in developing creative abilities should be taken if time permits. With respect to drawing, we recommend courses in both freehand drawing and technical drawing. High school students planning to take courses for college credit are encouraged to contact the college’s director of student recruitment for advice about courses that will meet the college’s program requirement.

Admissions

The number of students who can enter the College of Architecture, Planning & Design is limited, and admission is competitive. To be considered for admission, all documents must be sent to the Office of International Admissions no later than Feb. 1, when review of complete applications begins. Completed applications received after Feb. 1 will be considered only if space is available in the class. Meeting this deadline does not guarantee admission to the college. Students are considered on the basis of academic performance and available space. Students will be notified of the College of Architecture, Planning & Design’s decision by mid-March.

Points of Pride

DesignIntelligence magazine ranked all three of Kansas State University’s College of Architecture, Planning & Design’s eligible programs among the Top 20 graduate programs in 2016-2017. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts growth in these professions.
Degree-seeking international students
The college admits degree-seeking students for the fall semester only. Students must provide all documents required for admission to Kansas State University and provide proof of language proficiency by Feb. 1 to be considered for fall admission.

In addition, high school students must submit official high school transcripts and the ACT or SAT scores if available (the ACT or SAT scores are not required but will be considered if available and can help a student gain admission). College students must submit all official college transcripts.

Students planning to transfer into the program are urged to contact the College of Architecture, Planning & Design’s director of student recruitment for advice about courses that may meet the college’s requirements.

Degree-seeking international students who have not provided proof of English Language Proficiency
Students who are not able to provide proof of English proficiency can choose to apply for admission to K-State’s English Language Program, or ELP. These students must have completed the ELP requirement, as well as a full semester of university coursework, before they will be eligible to apply for admission to the college’s degree programs. The application deadline is Feb. 1 for admission for the fall semester. The admission decision will be based on the cumulative K-State GPA. Pick up an application in 212 Seaton Hall.

International students not seeking a degree
Students must provide all documents required for admission to Kansas State University and provide proof of language proficiency to be considered for admission. All official college transcripts, portfolio and selection of the degree program are required by the deadline. The priority deadline is Feb. 1 for the fall semester and Oct. 1 for the spring semester. The admission decision will be based on the availability of space in the degree program and cumulative college GPA. A portfolio review is used to determine placement in the degree program.

Required coursework

First year

Studio option (required for architecture, interior architecture & product design, and landscape architecture)

Fall semester

Hrs. Courses
4 ENVD 201 Environmental Design Studio I
1 ENVD 203 Survey of Design Professions
2 ENVD 250 History of Designed Environment I
3 MATH 100 College Algebra*
2 COMM 105 Public Speaking 1A
3 General Elective

Spring semester

Hrs. Courses
4 ENVD 202 Environmental Design Studio II
3 ENVD 251 History of Designed Environment II
5 PHYS 115 Descriptive Physics
3 ENGL 100 Expository Writing I

Planning option (regional and community planning)

Fall semester

Hrs. Courses
1 ENVD 203 Survey of Design Professions
3 MATH 100 College Algebra*
2 COMM 105 Public Speaking 1A
3 Humanities/design elective
3 Social science/history elective
3 Social science/sociology elective

Spring semester

Hrs. Courses
3 ENGL 100 Expository Writing I
6 Humanities/design elective
3 General elective
4 Natural science elective with lab

31 Total (minimum)
*A higher-level college math course may be substituted.