

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE
HONORS PROGRAM GUIDELINES
2014-2015

Undergraduate students in the Department of Architecture may attain graduation honors distinction from the Department. The Department of Architecture's Honors Program works in concert with the University Honors Program, affording students the opportunity to graduate with both University and Departmental distinctions. Admission into the Department of Architecture Honors Program is competitive and is available to those students that achieve and maintain rigorous academic standards. Information and an application can be found on the Department of Architecture website at <http://dept.arch.tamu.edu/undergraduate/forms/>.

In addition to satisfying the requirements of the Bachelor of Environmental Design (B.E.D.) degree, students must complete all of the requirements below to receive graduation distinction in the Department of Architecture Honors Program.

21 Hours of required honors coursework as follows:

Coursework taken outside the students home Department

Six (6) hours of honors courses outside the students home Department.

Coursework taken within the students home Department

Fifteen (15) hours of coursework must be taken in the students home Department. Nine (9) of the 15 hours must be honors integrated design studio (ARCH 405, ARCH 431, ARCH 435).

NOTE: No more than nine (9) of these 21 hours can be lower division honors courses (100 – 200 level).

Completed Application:

Application must be made and accepted before the completion of 60 hours passed as listed on the transcript. Additional requirements for freshman and current students are listed below.

Grade & Enrollment Requirements:

Students must hold a TAMU cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.50 at the time of graduation and a cumulative grade point average in honors classes of at least a 3.25. No grade in an honors course may be below a "B".

A maximum of three (3) honors credit hours by transfer coursework may be used toward requirements of the Department of Architecture Honors Program. No AP or IB credits are permitted in compiling the 21 hours toward Department of Architecture Honors.

Maintaining Department Honors Student Status

Department of Architecture Honors students who fall below a 3.5 cumulative TAMU GPA will be placed on probation. While on probation, students will not be dropped from the Honors courses they registered for during pre-registration, however they will not receive Honors priority registration or be able to register for Honors courses for the following semester. A student may receive only one probationary period during their tenure in the Departmental Honors Program. Students who do not hold a 3.5 cumulative TAMU GPA by the end of the probationary period will be asked to leave the Department of Architecture Honors Program.

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN STUDENTS

Enrollment in honors courses is limited. Application to the Department of Architecture Honors Program is competitive and can be made by completing the University Honors section on the *Apply Texas Application*. Incoming freshman, transfer and change of major students who did not indicate interest in the Department of Architecture Honors Program on the *Apply Texas application* may also apply by completing the following. Please ensure all requirements for application (below) have been met.

1. Send an email to the Department at: archhonors@arch.tamu.edu. In the subject line write: Review for Architecture Honors_ class of 20xx.
2. In the body of the message, include your name as it appears on the *Apply Texas Application*, your Texas A&M UIN, your phone number and your email. The message should indicate your interest in being considered for the Department of Architecture Honors Program and should state that you have completed the application process for admittance to Texas A&M University.

Requirements for freshman application to the Department of Architecture Honors Program

1. **Choice of Major** – Open only to students pursuing the Bachelor of Environmental Design.
2. **Test Scores** – Students must graduate in the top 15% of their high school class and must have a combined score of at least 1250 on the verbal and math sections of the SAT (with a minimum score of 570 on each), or a composite 28 on the ACT (with a minimum of 27 each on verbal and math). Your official SAT or ACT scores should be sent directly to Texas A&M from the testing agency.
3. **Deadline** – Students who are honors eligible will be placed in honors design studio and drawing classes their first semester in attendance when available. Students wishing to continue in the Department honors program should refer to the section for current students below.
4. **Transcript** – An official transcript must be on file with the Texas A&M University Office of Admissions. Do not mail transcripts to the Department of Architecture. Transcripts should be sent to the Office of Admissions at:

Texas A&M University
Freshman Admissions
Office of Admissions
P.O. Box 30014
College Station, Texas 77845-3014

**DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR
CURRENT STUDENTS, TRANSFER STUDENTS AND CHANGE OF MAJOR
STUDENTS**

Environmental Design students must have a cumulative 3.5 TAMU GPA by the end of the semester prior to application for Department Honors. Application must be made and accepted before the completion of 60 hours passed as listed on the transcript. The application package consists of this page and an unofficial transcript from Howdy. Submittals should be paper clipped in that order. Applications must be submitted to the Department of Architecture Office (Langford A 411) by the first day of fall semester classes (for fall acceptance) or the first day of spring semester classes (for spring semester acceptance). Applications submitted after these deadline dates will not be considered for entrance that term. Notification will be made by the 12th class day.

Name (PRINT): _____

Permanent Address: _____

City, State, Country _____

Email Address _____

UIN _____

Class of _____

Current Cumulative GPA (from Howdy) _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application Page (this page completed)
- Unofficial Transcript (from Howdy Portal; ensure grades and transfer credits are included in the printout)

I certify that all information included in the application package is complete and accurate.

Applicant Signature

Date

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM – HONORS FELLOWS

The university-level Honors distinction offered by the University Honors Program is Honors Fellows. Entering freshman and continuing students who wish to be in the University Honors Program must apply and be admitted.

Entering freshmen should apply as part of their application for admission to the University. The Prospective Student Honors Application can be found at <http://honors.tamu.edu/haf>. Applications are reviewed based solely on the students Honors application material and SAT/ACT score.

Continuing students should have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPR and should not have completed more than 60 credit hours at Texas A&M. Application to the program may be made each spring for entry the following Fall semester. The Continuing Student Application can be found at <http://honors.tamu.edu/ha>.

The Honors Fellows plan requires approximately 9 Honors courses and a capstone experience for a total of 30 honors credit hours. Students are admitted to the Honors Fellows curriculum on a competitive basis and are expected to take at least 6 hours of Honors credit per academic year while meeting minimum co-curricular requirements.

No AP, IB or transfer credit is permitted in compiling the 30 honors credits, although these course credits may count towards the students overall degree plan.

Notes:

1. University and Foundation Honors distinctions are only available to students who enrolled at Texas A&M prior to Fall 2012 and who were accepted into the University Honors Program or the Foundation Program by February 2012.
2. Honors students may wish to participate in Undergraduate Research Scholars and Teams Program. Additional information can be found at http://honors.tamu.edu/Research/Scholars_Application.html