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Admissions (Application for Graduate Admission)

All applicants for admission into the Master of Architecture program must at least hold a four year pre-professional architectural degree. The preparation each student brings from their pre-professional experience is critical to continued development towards the completion of core courses in advanced architectural knowledge leading to the first professional degree. Each applicant should be able to demonstrate successful completion of the following courses or their equivalents as part of their undergraduate pre-professional degree:

4 sequential architecture design studio courses

2 courses in structures

2 courses in environment technology

2 history of architecture courses

1 course in the social behavior sciences

1 course in cultural diversity

Current Admission Submittal

To be considered all applicants must submit the following:

Completed Texas A&M University Application

Official Transcripts from all universities and /or college attended

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores

Test of English as a foreign Language (TOEFL) scores

Three letters of Recommendation

Comprehensive syllabi of courses in structures, environmental technology and architectural history

Academic/ professional Portfolio

In general, the university application deadlines should be observed, however students wishing to be considered for financial assistance should submit all application materials to the university and department by **15 January** for fall admissions.

Portfolio

The portfolio must include:

A comprehensive goals statement;

A one or two-page resume; listing background information such as education, honors and awards, work experience, and relevant interests; and

Documentation of a minimum of six projects from the design studio sequence, at least four having strong building design content with evidence of tectonics as part of a comprehensive building design. In addition to photos of final project drawings and models, the documentation of each project must include a process description including the course title, program statement, and design goals and objectives. Photos of preliminary sketches and models are encouraged. If the project was done by a team, identify your individual role and work. If the project was done by a team, identify your individual role and work.

Faculty evaluation of each applicant's portfolio is a major element in the admission process. The portfolio must be concise in style, and bound as a single unit (8 1/2" X 11" preferred). If appropriate, additional supporting materials utilizing electronic media may be submitted. The portfolio will be reviewed by the Department of Architecture Master of Architecture program admissions committee. High quality reproductions must be used for drawings; slides are unacceptable. The portfolio must demonstrate abilities and skills in the following:

Architectural theory and design

Analytical and programmatic methods

Evidence of tectonics as part of a comprehensive building design.

Proficiency in the use of design media (hand drawing and CAD)

Clear use of the English language

Applicants must include postage (stamps or international coupons) sufficient for the return of their portfolios, or arrange to pick them up at the department. Portfolios remaining in the department more than six months after the review will be discarded.

Your resume, portfolio, required course syllabi and three letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Graduate Programs Office, Department of Architecture and your application should be sent to the Graduate Admissions. **Please note that the application will not be processed by the Admissions Office until the application fee and all requested information (GRE, transcripts, etc.) has been received.**

International students

International students should submit all applications to the Admissions and Records Office by 15 January for Fall entry. With the application, international students must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores of at least 400 in Verbal and 1000+ combined (V+Q) score, Test of English as a Foreign Language (T.O.E.F.L.) scores of at least 550, the "Confirmation of Financial Resources" form, a filing fee of \$75 (cannot be waived or paid by the department), and official College Transcripts.

Because of the many international students applying for admission, competition is strong and we cannot admit all who apply. We do not consider financial aid for international students until after they have completed their first semester. Unfortunately, we have very limited financial resources for supporting international students. Therefore, you should be prepared to finance your studies. All international students from non-English speaking countries must take and pass the English proficiency test. Please refer to the following policy.

[Policy on English Proficiency for Graduate Students \(79.4 KB\)](#)