

Evaluation of Preprofessional and Non-Accredited Degrees

The School of Architecture is committed to a thorough and equitable process to evaluate prospective students applying for admission into the M.Arch. program. There are three program options available for students wishing to complete the professional M.Arch. degree in architecture.

Program I: For students matriculating from the professional track of the Bachelor of Science in Architecture (pre-professional) degree. This option requires 36 semester credit hours of study at the graduate level. A list of semester and course sequence for students enrolled in Track I is available at: [Master of Architecture Degree - Track I.](#)

Program II: For students matriculating from a four-year, pre-professional program. This option requires between 48 and 60 semester credit hours of study, depending on the extent and level of the preparation of the applicant. A list of semester and course sequence for students enrolled in Track II is available at: [Master of Architecture Degree - Track II.](#)

Program III: For students entering with a bachelor's degree in some field other than architecture. This option requires 117 semester credit hours of study involving a combination of undergraduate and graduate level courses. A list of semester and course sequence for students enrolled in Track III is available at: [Master of Architecture Degree - Track III.](#)

All students admitted to the Master of Architecture program must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School of Prairie View A&M University, including:

1. Submission of a completed application for admission to the Graduate School.
2. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
3. An official transcript of all college work from the registrar of each college previously attended.
4. A minimum undergraduate cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.75 on a 4.00 grading scale for regular graduate degree status.
5. Less than 2.75 but a minimum of a 2.45 Grade Point Average on a 4.00 scale for provisional graduate status. Departments may use the last 60 semester hours credit for admitting students in this category.
6. Three letters of recommendation from persons in the field of the applicant's academic major or area of concentration.
7. Official scores on the Graduate Records Examination.
8. Recommendation for admission by the department head and dean of the college in which the graduate program applied for is offered and formal acceptance by the dean of the Graduate School.

In addition, for students applying to Programs I and II, the School of Architecture will require submission of a design portfolio for review.

Evaluation of transfer credits begins at the University level where the Office of Admissions reviews and evaluates all transcripts for transfer and equivalence. Transfer is determined based upon the accreditation of the issuing institution, while equivalency of non-architecture courses is determined by the College, School or Department that offers the equivalent course. A record of equivalencies is maintained at the University level to avoid repetition of this task. A grade of "C" or better is required to transfer credit.

The School of Architecture uses the University's evaluation to determine the appropriate use of all transfer courses that are to be applied to the Bachelor of Science degree. Transfer credits are evaluated by the School Academic Specialist for all students entering the architecture program. Typically, the Director and the Academic Specialist assume this

responsibility with support from appropriate level staff when evaluating both studio and non-studio coursework in architecture. Credits for design studios are based upon a review of the student's portfolio, while non-studio courses are subject to a review of catalog description if necessary. The evaluation of architecture courses is done with the objectives of Prairie View A&M University courses and the NAAB Performance Criteria assigned to these courses. Non-architecture courses are generally accepted based upon the University admissions review and assignment of credit.