The College of Architecture and Planning offers the only accredited degrees in architecture, urban and regional planning, and landscape architecture in the State of Colorado as well as the only master's degrees in geographic information systems (GIS). Programs are accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB), National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and Planning Accreditation Board (PAB). Many students intending to enter the master's degree programs complete the college's undergraduate degree as preparation for our graduate-level professional programs. Those who already hold an undergraduate degree in an unrelated field are also eligible for admission into our graduate programs. We offer graduate certificates in Design Build, Historic Preservation, Integrated Construction Management and Leadership (with Business and Engineering) and Geospatial Information Science, as well as ten options for earning dual graduate degrees. In addition, students can earn a certificate from the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art, by taking focused courses in this area. With an outstanding faculty committed to excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and creative work, the college provides students with opportunities beyond the classroom including study abroad, internships, mentorships, and participation in design and planning competitions. The College of Architecture and Planning ignites evolution that enriches places for people and the planet through learning by doing, practicing co-creation, and valuing the unique spark of each person as well as the full range of professional and historical traditions.

College Facilities
The college is located at 1250 14th Street in downtown Denver, on the northeastern edge of the Auraria Campus adjacent to Larimer Square. This favorable location gives easy access both to the extensive campus facilities and the urban dynamism of Denver's lively lower downtown.
is a leader in providing international study opportunities. In addition to numerous study abroad courses, there is a summer urban design studio that has been held in Copenhagen, China’s Shanghai-Nanjing corridor, and Greece. The Bixler International Initiatives encompass travel opportunities, scholarships, lectures, and exhibitions. The college supports an active and focused internship program for its students, giving them access to elective internship opportunities in the Denver metropolitan area and beyond. There are extensive opportunities for civic engagement, including through paid internships at the college’s University Technical Assistance Program and other funded research and service projects.

Scholarships/Financial Aid
Graduate students in the college have access to a number of scholarships and other financial assistance funds. Some are based on need, others on performance and still others are specifically intended to provide enrichment opportunities. Some of these funds are provided by the institution itself, while others are provided by external sources like the American Institute of Architects Architectural Education Foundation, the American Planning Association and the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado. For further information on scholarships and graduate tuition awards, visit the college’s website. For information on federal and state financial aid, contact the Office of Financial Aid at the University of Colorado Denver or visit its website (https://www.ucdenver.edu/student-finances/financial-aid/).

College of Architecture and Planning Courses
Click here (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/courses-a-z/arch/) to see a complete list of courses.

College of Architecture and Planning Admissions Information

Application Deadlines
For Fall Semester:
• Master of Architecture Program (MArch): January 15
• Master of Landscape Architecture Program (MLA): February 1
• Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program (MURP): January 15
• Master of Science in Historic Preservation Program (MSHP): Priority Deadline March 15
• Master of Urban Design Program (MUD): Priority Deadline April 1, Final Deadline June 15
• PhD in Geography, Planning, and Design (PhD): December 15

Decision notification dates vary by program.

For Spring Semester:
• Please see departmental websites (https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/) for spring admission deadlines and information. Not every department offers spring admission each year.

General Requirements
The college periodically updates admissions deadlines and application procedures. Please visit the college website to view current deadlines, application procedures and required materials.

Applicants to the College of Architecture and Planning graduate programs are required to submit the following credentials:

• University of Colorado Denver online application.
• Official transcripts from each institution the applicant has attended excluding study abroad institutions where the courses are included on the home institution transcripts.
• A statement of purpose that addresses career objectives and reasons for pursuing the intended program of study.
• A portfolio of creative work - required for Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Design. Suggested for Historic Preservation for students with prior design experience.
• A sample of writing or a work project - required for Urban and Regional Planning.
• Three letters of recommendation.
• Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores are encouraged for the Urban and Regional Planning program.
  • However, if you are applying to the Urban and Regional Planning program and your GPA is below 3.0, you must submit GRE scores.
• Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores are highly advised if your GPA is below 3.0 and you are applying for the Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Historic Preservation or Urban Design programs.
• GRE scores are strongly encouraged for applicants to the PhD program.
• You must hold at least a bachelor’s degree for admission to all professional master’s programs. For admission to the Master of Urban Design program, a prior professional degree - normally the master’s - is required in addition to a bachelor’s degree.
• Application fee. Nonrefundable ($50, U.S. residents; $75, International applicants).
• English language proficiency scores are required for international applicants when English is not their first language. Please see the International Admissions website (https://www.ucdenver.edu/international-admissions/) for current minimum score requirements.

Confirmation Deposit
A nonrefundable confirmation deposit of $150 is required to secure an applicant’s place in the college. The deposit is due at the time the applicant accepts the program’s offer of admission. The deposit will be applied to the first semester’s tuition when the student registers for classes. This deposit is in addition to the $150 Registration Advanced Deposit that all students are required to pay to the Bursar’s Office before the first semester that they register.

College of Architecture & Planning Departments and Programs

• Architecture (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/architecture/)
• Architecture, MArch (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/architecture-architecture-march/)
• Landscape Architecture (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/landscape-architecture/)
• Landscape Architecture, MLA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-
architecture-planning/landscape-architecture/landscape-
architecture-mla/}
• Urban and Regional Planning (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-
derver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-
planning/urban-regional-planning/)
• Urban and Regional Planning, MURP (http://
catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-
departments/college-architecture-planning/urban-regional-
planning/urban-regional-planning-murp/)
• Other Graduate Programs (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/
graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-
planning/programs/)
• Geography, Planning, and Design, PhD (http://
catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-
departments/college-architecture-planning/programs/geography-
planning-design-phd/)
• Historic Preservation, MS (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-
derver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-
architecture-planning/programs/historic-preservation-ms/)
• Urban Design, MUD (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/
graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-
planning/programs/urban-design-mud/)
• Graduate Certificates (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/
graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-
planning/graduate-certificates/)
• Design Build Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/
cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-
architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/design-build-
gradient-certificate/)
• Geospatial Information Science Graduate Certificate (http://
catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-
departments/college-architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/
geospatial-information-science-graduate-certificate/)
• Historic Preservation Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/
cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-
architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/historic-preservation-
gradient-certificate/)
• Integrated Construction, Management + Leadership Graduate
Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/
schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/
graduate-certificates/integrated-construction-management-
leadership-graduate-certificate/)

College of Architecture and Planning Policies

Academic Standing
Students must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 in the graduate
programs to remain in good standing and to graduate. If a student's GPA
falls below a 3.0, then he or she will be placed on academic probation
beginning the following semester. If the GPA remains below a 3.0 after
the probationary semester, then he or she may be dismissed from the
college.

Grade Policy
In addition to maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or above, each program requires
specific minimum grades which a student must earn in order to count a
class towards their degree. Students should meet with their academic
advisor or reference the student handbook to learn more about the
minimum passing grades.

Grade Appeals
Any student may appeal the grade he or she receives in a class within 30
days from the issuance of the grade. The student should first discuss the
issue and adjustment sought with the relevant course instructor. If the
course instructor does not reply within 30 days, the student submits a
written appeal to the department chair. Within 30 days, the department
chair shall process the appeal and prepare a written report explaining
the reason(s) for the department recommendation. If the grade appeal
still remains unresolved at the department level, the student submits a
written request to the associate dean of academic affairs, who will direct
the Academic Affairs Committee to review the appeal. If the grade appeal
remains unresolved at the college level, the student may appeal to the
dean.

Attendance and Timeliness of Work
Students are expected to attend all meetings of classes. Excessive
unexcused absences may result in a grade reduction at the discretion of
the instructor. Absence from a class will be excused for verified medical
reasons, religious obligations or for extreme personal emergencies. The
student may be required to furnish evidence.

Students' assignments are to be completed in a timely manner. Any
assignment turned in late may have its grade reduced by an amount set
at the discretion of the instructor. An assignment may be turned in late
without penalty for verified medical reasons, religious obligations or for
extreme personal emergencies. Students must have their instructor's
written permission to turn an assignment in late. Students with excused
late work may turn in the assignment by the end of finals week without
penalty. Otherwise, the grade "F" will be assigned at the discretion of the
faculty.

Course Sequencing and Advancement
Programs in the college are structured so that certain courses must be
taken concurrently, others sequentially. Students will not be allowed
to enroll in a course if its co-requisites or prerequisites have not been
satisfied.

Originality of Work
Students must submit their own work. Where other sources are used in a
student submission, they are to be clearly identified and referenced. The
university considers plagiarism and similar acts of falsification to be a
serious matter that may result in suspension or expulsion. Information
on codes of conduct and grievance procedures are available from the
university’s Office of Community Standards and Wellness.

Retention of Student Work
The College of Architecture and Planning may, with a student’s written
permission, retain student work submitted in fulfillment of class
requirements for a period of time. This retained work is normally used to
provide accrediting agencies with tangible evidence of performance, to
serve as additional visual aid material in presentations to other students
and to contribute to possible educational exhibits requested by the
university community and the general public.