COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

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Overview

The College of Architecture and Planning (CAP) is the only college in the State of Colorado that offers the following accredited programs: Bachelor of Science in Architecture, Master of Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture, Master of Science in Historic Preservation, Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Master of Urban Design, and a PhD in Geography, Planning, and Design. Additionally, the Master of Architecture (M.Arch) Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA), and Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) are professionally accredited by the following national licensing bodies: National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) (https://www.naab.org/), Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) (https://www.asla.org/accreditationlaab.aspx), and Planning Accreditation Board (PAB (https://www.planningaccreditationboard.org/)),

Annually, over 750 students are pursuing a degree at CAP. Many students intending to enter the design and planning professions complete the college's undergraduate degree as preparation for our graduate-level professional programs. Students who hold an undergraduate degree in an unrelated field are eligible for admission into our graduate programs.

We offer graduate certificates in Design Build (https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/design-build-graduate-certificate/#text), Historic Preservation (https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/historic-preservation-graduate-certificate/), Interior Design (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/interior-design-certificate/), and Landscape Architecture (https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/landscape-architecture-certificate/), as well as fourteen options for earning dual graduate degrees (https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/academics/dual-degree-programs/). Students can also earn a certificate in Geospatial Information Science (https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/geospatial-information-science-graduate-certificate/) with an Urban and Regional Planning track. In addition, students can earn a Classical Studies Certificate (https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/academics/certificate-programs/#ClassicalStudies) 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.

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 provides easy access to extensive campus facilities and the urban dynamism of Denver's lively lower downtown. Many of Denver's major professional design offices as well as planning firms and agencies are nearby, offering substantive opportunities for contact between students, practitioners and design and planning professionals.

Facilities in the CU Denver Building include studio spaces for students, lecture and seminar rooms, studio review spaces, exhibition spaces, and faculty offices. Students have access to our well-equipped and well-maintained 3,000-square-foot Design Fabrication Lab that houses a full-scale wood shop, 3D print lab, a large spray booth, and four laser cutters. Additional fabrication space is available in an annex adjacent to the building with a 5-AXIS CNC Router, metalworking equipment and a CNC Plasma cutter. The Visual Resource Center (VRC) provides access to a variety of photographic and audiovisual equipment, two portfolio photography studio rooms, and digital image collections.

There are two computer labs focused on computer aided design (CAD), computer 2-D and 3-D imaging and analytic tools for planning. These computer labs include Windows PCs and Macs, small and large format scanners, large format plotters, laser printers and computer data projection devices. All systems are 100base T Ethernet / Internet savvy and accessible in secure rooms. A geographic information systems (GIS) computer laboratory is also available and open to all CU Denver students. Find more details about college facilities on the website (https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/).

Professional Development

The College of Architecture and Planning supports students in professional and career-related activities through a wide range of services and workshops. The college has a dedicated Director of Professional Development and Internships who manages many programs and support services. While attending CAP, students have access to an annual career fair, portfolio critiques, professional mentorship, an online job board, and numerous trainings related to effective employment strategies. Our location in downtown Denver enables many professional connections, and students frequently intern or work in their field while in school. Visit our Career Connections website (https://

architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/career-connections/) for more information.

Learning Experiences

Learning experiences address real issues facing designers and planners as they create healthier, more sustainable, more meaningful environments. Through hands-on education, CAP students learn how to apply knowledge to real-world projects. The faculty and students are extensively engaged with Colorado communities, in-service learning, and applied research. Students have built award-winning solar-powered homes; discovered ecological design principles in Colorado ranches; helped re-envision the I-70 corridor through north Denver; proposed ways for communities to recover from natural disasters; and designed learning landscapes for all 96 Denver elementary school playgrounds. The award-winning ColoradoBuildingWorkshop design build program has developed projects as varied as micro cabins for the Colorado Outward Bound School, environmentally sustainable homes in the Navajo Nation, schools in Guatemala and Nicaragua, a performing arts stage for a mountain community, and outdoor classrooms for urban farming education and environmental groups and a research center in Antarctica.

Special Activities

The college provides a diverse range of opportunities that enrich and enhance the education of its students. Through activities and functions (including a lecture series, design juries, exhibitions, publications and active student organizations), the college encourages contact among students, faculty, and members of the design professions. The college is a leader in providing international study opportunities. In addition to numerous faculty-led study abroad courses, there is a summer urban design studio that has been held in Copenhagen, Barcelona, and Mexico City among other places. Other global initiatives encompass 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 positions and internships at the college's University Technical Assistance Program (UTAP) 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, the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado, and the Landscape Architecture Foundation. 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/).

Computing in the College

The College of Architecture and Planning requires all incoming graduate students to acquire and use their own computers and software applications in their studies. In general, students widely use products like Microsoft Office for word processing and spreadsheet applications, campus e-mail, and presentations, and Adobe Suite for some graphic tools. Consult with instructors or view course syllabi regarding specific software application (program) requirements for imaging, CAD, GIS, modeling or rendering before you buy them. For further information, consult the college website.

College of Architecture and Planning Courses

To see complete lists of courses in our college, please see the below links:

Architecture (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/courses-a-z/arch/), Landscape Architecture (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/courses-a-z/ldar/), Urban and Regional Planning (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/courses-a-z/urpl/), Urban Design (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/courses-a-z/urbn/), Historic Preservation (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/courses-a-z/hipr/), and Interior Design (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/courses-a-z/intd/)

College of Architecture and Planning Admissions Information

Application Deadlines

For Fall Semester:
- Master of Architecture Program (MArch): International Applicant Priority Deadline-December 15*/Domestic Applicant Priority Deadline-January 15*
- Master of Landscape Architecture Program (MLA): International Applicant Priority Deadline-January 1*/Domestic Applicant Priority Deadline-February 1*
- Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program (MURP): International Applicant Priority Deadline-December 15*/Domestic Applicant Priority Deadline-January 15*
- Master of Science in Historic Preservation Program (MSHP): International Applicant Priority Deadline: December 15*/Domestic Applicant Priority Deadline-January 15*
- Master of Urban Design Program (MUD): International Applicant Priority Deadline: December 15*/Domestic Applicant Priority Deadline-February 15*
- PhD in Geography, Planning, and Design (PhD): International Deadline-December 15/Domestic Applicant Deadline-January 15

Late Applications will be reviewed on a space available basis. Late applicants will not be eligible for scholarship consideration

For the most up-to-date information on program application deadlines, please visit our departmental websites (https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/). Decision notification dates vary by program.

For Spring Semester:
- Please visit our 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 U.S domestic 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.
- Letters of recommendation (number of letters required varies by program).
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is not required, but recommended if your GPA is below 3.0.
- 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 in architecture, planning, or landscape architecture 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

College of Architecture and 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-denver/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-denver/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-graduate-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-graduate-certificate/)
    - Interior Design Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/interior-design-certificate/)
    - Landscape Architecture Certificate (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-architecture-planning/graduate-certificates/landscape-architecture-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

The College of Architecture and Planning recognizes the right of the student to appeal a grade received in a course taken in the college. The college also recognizes the responsibility on the part of the college to respond to student grade appeals, and to do so in a judicious and timely manner.

Please visit the College of Architecture and Planning Student Policies, Handbooks, and Forms (https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/student-life/academic-advising/#policies) page for additional information.

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 Student Conduct and Community Standards.

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 or held for the benefit of the university community and the general public.