School of Architecture
The University of Texas at Austin

2018–2020 Transfer Guide for Austin Community College Students

Degree Programs Available

- Bachelor of Architecture (including an Architectural Engineering dual degree option)
- Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Interior Design

Prospective Architecture transfer students are urged to become familiar with UT Austin School of Architecture (UTSOA) curricula and rules in the Undergraduate Catalog 2018–2020 at registrar.utexas.edu/catalogs/.

Transfer students from Texas community colleges are eligible to graduate under UT Austin catalog rules in effect during the time they attend the community college. Those declaring the 2018–2020 catalog must complete all degree requirements by the end of the summer session 2026 (2027 for the Bachelor of Architecture), including at least sixty semester credit hours completed in residence at UT Austin.

Prospective students can monitor their UT Austin degree progress and check degree applicability of transfer credit by using the “Planner” feature of UT’s Interactive Degree Audit (IDA) system at registrar.utexas.edu/students/degrees/ida/.

External & Internal Transfer Admission in Architecture

External transfer admission to UTSOA is highly competitive and requires previous design coursework not widely offered by community colleges. A recommended approach for community college transfer is admission in a second-choice UT Austin major, followed by internal transfer to UTSOA. The second-choice major should be in a field of study of genuine interest to the student as an alternative to Architecture or Interior Design, because internal transfer is also quite competitive.

Internal transfer into UTSOA is available annually in fall semesters to UT Austin students in other majors. Candidates must:
- complete at least 24 semester hours at UT Austin by the end of the previous spring semester;
- have a UT Austin grade point average of 3.25 or higher;
- attend a UTSOA Internal Transfer Information Session; and
- submit an Internal Transfer Application, two essays, and two recommendation letters from UT Austin faculty by March 1. Decisions are made after the end of each spring semester for admission in the following fall.

See soa.utexas.edu/admissions/undergraduate/ for details about UTSOA transfer admission and alternatives, and soa.utexas.edu/apply/undergraduate-admissions/external-transfer-faq/ for frequently asked questions.

Use of Transfer Credit Toward Degrees

The Office of Admissions evaluates courses from other institutions for comparability with UT Austin coursework, but the UTSOA Undergraduate Office approves transfer credit for use in a degree program.
- Questions concerning evaluation of transfer credit should be directed to the office of Admissions (see admissions.utexas.edu/contact/).
- Questions concerning degree applicability of transfer credit should be directed to the UTSOA Undergraduate Office, 310 Inner Campus Drive, Sutton Hall 2.126, UT Austin, Austin TX 78712 (512/471-0108).

Special Notes

- Core curriculum transfer credit from Texas community colleges is guaranteed to apply toward the UT Austin core, but degree plans may specify how to fulfill some core requirements. Recommendations in this Guide satisfy core requirements with courses normally prescribed by a student's major field of study at UT.
- Recommended courses do not include Skills & Experience Flag requirements, which are intended to be satisfied by courses taken in residence at UT Austin (see ubs.utexas.edu/flags/students/).
- Courses in which grades lower than C– are earned do not transfer. Grades from transfer credit are excluded from a student’s internal UT Austin grade point average computation.
- Design studio sequences comprise ten semesters for Architecture, five semesters for Architectural Studies, and eight semesters for Interior Design, all normally taken in residence at UT Austin. Transfer credit in design may substitute for a portion of these requirements only with individual approval from the UTSOA Undergraduate Office.
- Physical education activity courses do not count toward UTSOA degree requirements, but grades and credit count toward external transfer admission.
- Up to six semester hours in Air Force, Military, or Naval Science may count as elective credit toward UTSOA degrees for students commissioned through the UT Austin ROTC program.
Courses Recommended for Transfer

Listed in Austin Community College course designations.

| Writing / Humanities | English Composition & first (core) Writing Flag – ENGL 1301+1302. 
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<td>Literature</td>
<td>one American, British, or world literature survey chosen from ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, or 2333.</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
<td>In a single language, either two years of prior high school credit (documented by an official high school transcript submitted to the Office of Admissions) or college-level credit for courses numbered 1411+1412. SGNL 1401+1402 can also be counted.</td>
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| History / Government | United States History – two courses chosen from HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2327, 2328, and 2381. 
|                      | Federal & Texas Government – GOVT 2305+2306. |
| Social & Behavioral Science | For Architecture or Architectural Studies: one course chosen from ANTH 2351; ECON 2301 or 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301 or 2306; SOCI 1301, 1306, or 2301; or TECA 1303. 
|                      | For Interior Design: PSYC 2301. |
| Mathematics          | For Architecture or Architectural Studies: 
|                      | MATH 2413+2414. 
|                      | Additionally, MATH 2415 and MATH 2420 are required in the Architectural Engineering dual degree option, but are recommended only for prospective students pursuing Engineering as an alternative major. 
|                      | For Interior Design: 
|                      | one course chosen from MATH 1332, 1342, 2412, or 2413. |
| Science & Technology | Part I – For Architecture or Architectural Studies: a physics sequence chosen from PHYS 1401+1402 or PHYS 2425+2426 (required in the Architectural Engineering dual degree option). 
|                      | For Interior Design: a physics sequence chosen from PHYS 1401+1402 or PHYS 1405+1407. 
|                      | Part II – one additional course chosen from ANTH 2301 or 2302; ASTR/PHYS 1303, 1304, 1403, or 1404; BIOL 1322, 1406, 1407, 1408, or 1409; COSC 1337; CHEM 1311*; ENGR 2405; ENVR 1301 or 1401; GEOG 1301; or GEOL 1345, 1403*, 1404, or 1445. 
|                      | *CHEM 1311 and GEOL 1403 are both required in the Architectural Engineering dual degree option. |
| Visual & Performing Arts | For Architecture or Architectural Studies: one course chosen from ARCH 1301* or 1302*; ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304; COMM 1307 or 2366; DRAM 1310; or MUSI 1306 or 1310. 
|                      | For Interior Design: ARCH 1302* and one course chosen from ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304. 
|                      | *UTSOA strongly recommends that Architectural History courses be taken in residence at UT Austin. |
| Other Coursework     | For Architecture or Architectural Studies: the Architectural Design sequence (ARCH 1303, 1304) combined with graphics/drawing coursework (ARCH 1307 or ARCH 2301). These courses are recommended for developing a design portfolio for admission purposes and for placement in the UTSOA design sequence. Degree applicability is subject to portfolio review by UTSOA after a candidate is offered admission. 
|                      | For the Architectural Engineering dual degree option: ENGR 2301+2332 (recommended only for prospective students pursuing Engineering as an alternative major). 
|                      | For Interior Design: lower-division courses in the major are not offered by Austin Community College. |

This Guide is based on degree requirements published in UT Austin’s Undergraduate Catalog 2018–2020 and on courses offered at Austin Community College during 2019-2020. Produced by the Office of Admissions in consultation with the Dean’s Office of the School of Architecture. Effective 28 August 2019.