School of Architecture
The University of Texas at Austin
2016–2018 Transfer Guide for Texas 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 the School’s curricula and rules in the Undergraduate Catalog 2016–2018 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 2016–2018 catalog must complete all degree requirements by the end of the summer session 2024 (2025 for the Bachelor of Architecture), including at least sixty semester credit hours completed in residence at UT Austin.

Prospective students can monitor their UT 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 the School of Architecture 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 Architecture. 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 the School of Architecture is available annually to UT students in other majors. Candidates must:

- complete 24 semester hours at UT by the end of a spring semester;
- have a UT grade point average of 3.25 or higher;
- attend a School of Architecture Internal Transfer Information Session; and
- submit an Internal Transfer Application, two essays, and two recommendation letters from UT 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 School of Architecture 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 Undergraduate Dean’s Office in the School of Architecture approves transfer credit for use in a degree program.

- Questions concerning degree/graduation requirements and degree applicability of transfer credit should be directed to the Undergraduate Dean’s Office, School of Architecture, GOL 2.308, UT Austin, Austin TX 78712 (512/471-1922).
- Questions concerning transfer admission and transfer credit evaluation should be directed to the Undergraduate Admissions Center, John Hargis Hall, P.O. Box 8058, UT Austin, Austin TX 78713-8058 (512/475-7387). Admission information and Transfer Guides for other UT programs are at admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-admission/.

Special Notes

- 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. Transfer credit in design may substitute for a portion of these requirements only with individual approval from the undergraduate dean’s office.

- 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.

- 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.

- Physical education activity courses do not count toward degree requirements in the School of Architecture, but grades and credit count toward transfer admission.

- Up to six semester hours in Air Force, Military, or Naval Science may count as elective credit toward degrees in the School of Architecture by students commissioned through the UT Austin ROTC program.
Courses Recommended for Transfer

Listed in Texas Common Course Numbers, a uniform system of field-of-study prefixes and four-digit numbers used by community colleges statewide. A course number’s first digit indicates academic level (1 = freshman, 2 = sophomore) and the second digit specifies semester hour credit value.

**Writing / Humanities**
(core 010 & 040)

- *English Composition & first (core) Writing Flag – ENGL 1301+1302.
- *Literature – one American, British, or world literature survey chosen from ENGL 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2331, 2332, or 2333.

**Foreign Language**

- 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 transfer credit for two courses numbered 1411+1412. SGNL 1301+1302 or 1401+1402 can also be counted.

**History / Government**
(core 060 & 070)

- *United States History – two courses chosen from HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2302, 2327, 2328, and 2381.

**Social & Behavioral Science**
(core 080)

- *For Architecture or Architectural Studies: one course chosen from ANTH 2351; ECON 2301 or 2302; GEOG 1302 (only when taken as Human Geography); PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301, 1306, or 2301; or TECA 1303.
- *For Interior Design: PSYC 2301.

**Mathematics**
(includes core 020)

- *Course credit varies among community colleges; the 2nd digit of numbers listed here may be 3 or 4.

**Science & Technology**
(core 030 & 093)

- *Community colleges may number lecture & lab credit separately; for example PHYS 2425 can be offered as 2305+2125.

**Science & Technology**
(includes core 030 & 093)

- *For Architecture or Architectural Studies: one course chosen from MATH 2413+2414.
- *Additionally, MATH 2415 and either MATH 2420 or 2421 are required in the Architectural Engineering dual degree option, but are recommended only for prospective transfers whose second-choice UT major is Engineering.
- *For Interior Design: one course chosen from MATH 1332, 1342 or 1442, 2312 or 2412, or 2313 or 2413.

**Part I –**

- *For Architecture or Architectural Studies: a physics sequence (including labs) chosen from PHYS 1401+1402 or PHYS 2425+2426 (required in the Architectural Engineering dual degree option).
- *For Interior Design: a physics sequence (labs not required) chosen from PHYS 1301+1302 or PHYS 1305+1307.

**Part II –**

- one additional course chosen from ANTH 2301 or 2302; ASTR/PHYS 1303, 1304, 1403, or 1404 (astronomy courses with the PHYS prefix count only as astronomy); BIOL 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1406, 1407, 1408, or 1409 [add 1323 only at A.C.C.]; CHEM 1311*; ENGR 2305 or 2405; GEOG 1303, 1304, 1345, 1347, 1403*, 1404, 1445, or 1447; GEOG 1301; or HECO/BIOL 1322.

*CHEM 1311 and GEOG 1403 are both required in the Architectural Engineering dual degree option.

**Visual & Performing Arts**
(includes core 050)

- *For Architecture or Architectural Studies: ARCH 1301+1302.
- *For Interior Design: ARCH 1302 and one course chosen from ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304.

**Other Coursework**

- *For Architecture or Architectural Studies: ARCH 1303+1304 or 1403+1404 (Architectural Design I & II, 3-hour or 4-hour versions) combined with a graphics/drawing sequence chosen from ARCH 1307+1308, 1407+1408, or 2301+2302. These courses are recommended for developing a design portfolio for admission purposes and for placement in the design sequence. Degree applicability is subject to portfolio review by the UT School of Architecture.
- *For the Architectural Engineering dual degree option: ENGR 2301+2332 or 2401+2432 (recommended only for prospective students whose second-choice UT major is Engineering).