Florida A&M University (FAMU) School of Architecture (SOA)
Professional Program Admission Requirements
Portfolio Evaluation Guide
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The FAMU SOA Master of Architecture (M.Arch) and Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) portfolio evaluation is based on five (5) themes - Research, Ideas, Execution, Systems and Communication. The percentages for each criterion vary and are shown below. A student’s portfolio submittals must include clear evidence of knowledge and the core abilities expected from a four-year design studio experience.

1. RESEARCH: CONTEXTUAL & PROGRAMMATIC ANALYSIS 10%
   • conceptual diagramming with an analytical emphasis
   • evidence of project issues & challenges
   • contextual, historical, site & programming research

2. IDEAS: CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT & DESIGN METHOD 20%
   • evidence of a design parti
   • conceptual diagramming with a compositional emphasis
   • depth and breadth of design ideas + conceptual insight & understanding
   • connection of design intentions with project issues & challenges

3. EXECUTION: ARCHITECTURAL, ARTICULATION & RESOLUTION 30%
   • realization of stated design intentions in the completed projects

4. SYSTEMS: SITE, STRUCTURAL, MATERIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL 20%
   • evidence of integration of building systems
   • innovation in integration of building systems

5. COMMUNICATION: CRAFT & QUALITY 20%
   • modeling ability
   • digital graphic communication
   • non-digital graphic communication