About the School of Architecture

Established in 1975

Dean: Rodner B. Wright, AIA

Degree Programs:
Undergraduate —
- Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies (B.S.)
- Professionally Accredited Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)

Graduate —
- Professionally Accredited Master of Architecture (M.Arch.)
- Professionally Accredited Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.)
- Post Professional Master of Science in Architecture (MSc.)

Brief Introduction:
Architects are the creative problem solvers of the built environment.

An architect has many roles. An architect must be an artist, sensitive to the relationship of forms and spaces to the effects of colors and textures, and to the overall aesthetic quality of a building. The architect must be an engineer, knowing what will work in construction (materials, stresses, dimensions) and how to transcribe that into a built facility or environment. Architects must be environmentalists, concerned with a positive role of the building in its context. As an architect, one must be sensitive to space, light, traffic, energy efficiency, landscape, and air quality and how the building affect these and is affected by them. Architects must also be humanitarians, concerned that buildings be healthy, safe, aesthetically enjoyable places for people.

Like architects, landscape architects work with nature and technology to create sustainable, desirable, and beautiful environments that complement the community in which they are created and respect the culture that supports them. Architects and landscape architects work as members of interdisciplinary teams that often include professionals from a wide diversity of areas of expertise including community and
regional planning, economics and law, environmentalists and engineers, as well as those in the building technology and construction management fields.

The FAMU School of Architecture prepares highly motivated and talented persons to meet these challenges: personal growth, the magic of creativity, the joy of making things, and the satisfaction of crafting well.

**College or School History:**
Federal and state desegregation plans established the FAMU School of Architecture in 1975. The mission was and is to (1) increase the number of non-African –American students at FAMU, (2) increase the number of architects in Florida, and (3) consequently, contribute to the African-American pool of architects in Florida. The School enrolled fifty (50) students its first year. In 1978, the School was designated by the State of Florida as a “Center of Excellence”. The School is still the only Florida program to have received this distinction.

During the 80’s the School experienced much of the growth and success that it now enjoys. Notable is the accreditation of the Master of Architecture degree; the inception of the Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Science degree; the birth of the Institute for Building Sciences (Research and Continuing Education arm of the School); and the opening of the Washington, DC Center. In 1985, the School moved into a 64,000 square foot facility designed especially to reflect the “leading edge” quality of its programs. A $12 million expansion was completed. In 1997, the Master of Landscape Architecture program began and was fully accredited in 2005.

Currently, the School of Architecture at FAMU is the only program in Florida to offer the professionally accredited Bachelor and Master of Architecture degrees. The School is also the only HBCU with the accredited professional Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture, as well as, the professionally accredited Master of Landscape Architecture. FAMU is able to offer dual-degree options and unique opportunities to students that are not available at many other educational institutions.
Brief Description of Departments, Institutes or Centers

Accolades:
The School of Architecture is a Limited Access Program. Admission is competitive. Not everyone meeting minimum requirements will be able to enroll.

Admissions or Special Admissions Requirements:
- Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies: GPA of 2.5/4.0 scale, 1010 SAT1 or 21 on EACT
- Bachelor of Architecture: 2.75/4.0 GPA in last 60 hours of the FAMU B.S. in Architectural Studies or equivalent program, successful portfolio
- Master of Architecture: 3.0/4.0 GPA in last 60 hours of the FAMU B.S. in Architectural Studies or equivalent program or 1000 GRE, successful portfolio. Path A: undergraduate degree in any discipline, 3.0/4.0 GPA in last 60 hours or 1000 GRE
- Master of Landscape Architecture: undergraduate degree in any discipline, 3.0/4.0 GPA in last 60 hours or 1000 GRE
- Master of Science in Architecture: undergraduate degree in any discipline, 3.0/4.0 GPA in last 60 hours or 1000 GRE

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At the FAMU School of Architecture, we build dreams.

Approval Signature:
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