

TRANSFER CREDIT AND PLACEMENT GUIDELINES FOR TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE TRANSFER STUDENTS

Undergraduate students transferring into the Tuskegee University Department of Architecture are evaluated individually. Both transcripts and portfolios are reviewed to determine transfer credits and appropriate design studio placement. After evaluation, the Department of Architecture sends its decision to the Dean's Office and the Office of Admissions, which then informs each admitted student of accepted credits and courses. Students who do not submit a portfolio are automatically placed in ARCH 101: Design Studio.

PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS

Students seeking placement in an advanced design studio must submit a portfolio showcasing work from previous design courses. The Department of Architecture will review the portfolio to determine the appropriate studio level. Each portfolio should include six projects, three from the first year and three from the second year, representing the student's best work.

NON-ACCREDITED TRANSFER CREDIT REVIEW GUIDELINES

The evaluation of non-accredited architecture coursework is designed to determines how well an applicant's prior academic and design experience aligns with the content, rigor, and learning objectives of the Tuskegee University Department of Architecture. Our program objectives follow the accreditation standards set by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), and all non-accredited coursework is reviewed to ensure it meets these criteria. Applicants must submit official academic transcripts and a portfolio of architectural design work. Additional documentation or assignments may be required. If the review identifies gaps in expected competencies, applicants may be asked to complete

supplemental coursework or demonstrate proficiency in specific areas to satisfy program requirements.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

- FIRST-YEAR DESIGN STUDIO: ARCH 101/102
 Students placed in ARCH 101/102 typically come from non-architecture programs or have portfolios that do not demonstrate competency in first-year design objectives.
- SECOND-YEAR DESIGN STUDIO: ARCH 201/202
 Students placed in ARCH 201/202 have received credit for ARCH 101 and 102 and submitted a portfolio demonstrating competency of first-year objectives.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM PLACEMENT GUIDELINES (ARCH 301 OR HIGHER) ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Students may enter the Professional Program if all Pre-Architecture design studios (ARCH 101, 102, 201, and 202) receive transfer credit.
- Credit for Math 107 and 108 (Algebra/Trigonometry) and Physics I and II
- Transfer credit for all Pre-Architecture courses or a combination of courses that allows graduation within three years
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 and 2.50 in architecture courses
- Demonstrated competence in architectural design and graphics, assessed through portfolio review

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

Students who do not meet all criteria may be accepted if:

- 1. All architecture courses in the Pre-Architecture Program are completed
- 2. Deviations from admission criteria are minor
- 3. Required non-architecture courses are completed during the summer
- 4. The student demonstrates potential in architecture

Students with at least six credit hours (electives or other courses) applied toward the Professional Program may also be accepted if:

- 1. All architecture courses in the Pre-Architecture Program are completed
- 2. Deviations from admissions criteria are minor
- 3. Non-architecture courses are completed during the third or fourth year