College of Architecture and The Arts

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The College of Architecture and The Arts is comprised of seven departments - Architecture, Art and Art History, Communication Arts, Interior Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Music, and Theatre. The dynamics among the different disciplines make the college unique with programs that focus on art, design, and performance. The college occupies a unique position in South Florida where students can prepare for a career in architecture or the arts within a major research university. Instruction in the college is enriched by a distinguished faculty of artists, designers, and performers who add dimensions of applicable experience, current issues, and ongoing research to the traditional concepts of disciplines and professions within the college.

The college promotes exploration, discovery, and innovation among its different programs and is strongly committed to interdisciplinary education breaking new ground in art, design and performance. Its diverse programs emphasize urban engagement and are informed by current thinking and new technologies.

Developing connections with a wide range of programs and resources in the university, the college is dedicated to being engaged as a leader in art and design as well as in the performing arts in South Florida, the neighboring communities, and the nation. Collaborations with Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, the Metropolitan Center, the Wolfsonian-FLU, Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust at Crane Point, the Concert Association of Florida, and the Università degli Studi di Genova offer students the opportunity to expand their ingenuity with a variety of resources.

The fusion of essential disciplines with applied professions in the college provides both depth and liberty in learning. In the fields of architecture and art, the major emphases are on creative processes and studio work with a variety of supportive lectures and seminar programs. In art history, the emphasis is on scholarly study of the arts through time; lectures, seminars, and independent research are conducted on campus and in museums and libraries throughout the South Florida area. Music emphasizes skills and knowledge that are fundamental to the entire discipline: music theory, music history, performance, aural and keyboard training, orchestration, composition, conducting, and ensemble participation. Speech Communication focuses on developing skills essential for leadership, career development, and for understanding and interpreting events. Theatre majors study the arts that contribute to theatre production—acting, costuming, directing, design, playwriting, and theatre administration.

Admission to the College of Architecture and The Arts is selective and competitive. For information on the College of Architecture and The Arts, see http://carta.fiu.edu. Students seeking to major in any of the college’s departments must meet the requirements for admission to the university and the requirements for admission to the major by the respective department. Admission to the above referenced departments’ majors is competitive and is not guaranteed. Criteria for selective admission to the departments major include indicators of ability, performance, creativity, and/or talent to complete required work within the desired major. Admission to the department’s major will be offered based on space availability to those applicants judged by the respective Department Faculty Admissions Committee to have the greatest potential for successful completion of the program. Florida community college transfer students with Associate in Arts degrees are given equal consideration with FIU students.

Advising Center

Our advisors are here to assist you in the development of a meaningful educational plan that is compatible with your life goals. You can rely upon your academic advisors for information, assistance, and encouragement.

The goals of our advising team are to:

- Provide accurate and customized academic information.
- Educate students on how to plan effectively.
- Help students identify goals and develop education plans to reach them.
- Interpret and assure adherence to CARTA’s academic policies and procedures.
- Consult with students experiencing academic difficulty and assist them in identifying reasons for problems and possible solutions.
- Help students understand degree requirements.
- Assist students in the selection and scheduling of courses.

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Undergraduate Programs
For students seeking to begin their professional design studies as undergraduates, the Departments of Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Landscape Architecture offer the Accelerated Master's programs which integrate pre-graduate coursework in a single curricular path (see appropriate section for each program on pages that follow). The College offers academic programs leading to undergraduate degrees in Art, Art History, Communication Arts, Music, and Theatre.

Certificate Programs
The college offers academic programs leading to undergraduate certificates in History and Theory of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

Minors
Minor programs of study are offered in art, art history, music, music composition (for music majors only), theatre, dance, and communication studies.