

DESIGN EXPERIENCE

AT THE GERALD D. HINES
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture

*Please note this program is available to college students and other degreed professionals looking for a potential career in Architecture. No previous Architecture or Design experience is required.

Summer 2018 Dates: June 11, 2018 – July 13, 2018 (5 weeks)

2018 Application

Application Deadline: Applications begin to be reviewed and are given priority if received by February 19. Applications will be given equal consideration until April 23, 2018. After this date applications will be reviewed based upon available space until June 1, 2018.

Application Fee: \$25 (waived for UH system students)

Program Fee: \$1,000 (due within two weeks of acceptance)

The University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture is designed to introduce students to the discipline of architecture. As a five-week intensive summer program, its instruction will provide an informed experience of graduate architectural education; help develop critical portfolio content for graduate applications; and fully immerse students into the educational experience of the discipline and the distinguished programs of study available at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design.

The Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture is geared for students who have little or no background in architecture. The curriculum is designed to introduce the conceptual, technical, pragmatic, artistic, historical and professional concerns of the discipline allowing for participants to individually develop their interest in the field through first-hand experience. Applicants to the Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture are expected to be 18 or older, have a high school diploma and one semester (minimum) of collegiate work at time of application, and are typically considering applying to graduate degree programs in architecture.

The program is an immersive introductory experience in architecture. Held in the graduate studios and taught by core graduate faculty in the College of Architecture and Design, this five-week program integrates an intensive studio experience with daily lectures, presentations, workshops and films to introduce: key concepts in architectural history and building practices; profiles of architects past and present; and critical case studies of exceptional representative buildings. A series of field trips will provide a first-hand experience of some of the region's premier architectural offices as well as special access to buildings of special note in Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin. The program culminates with an extensive portfolio workshop helping to develop the work done during and prior to the program for presentation and preparation for graduate application and provide insight and assistance with graduate

application procedures, admissions policies, program opportunities. For those who satisfactorily complete the program, faculty are able to provide critical letters of reference that aid in future admissions processes.

Students are provided 24 hour access to individual workstations in the graduate studios at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design for the duration of the five-week session. The direct use of the studio environment and its supporting faculty, technologies, shops, libraries, and classrooms allows for a premier introductory experience. The studio environment has a low student to faculty ratio providing for daily individual attention from faculty along with collective group discussions and presentations. The curricular pedagogy develops architectural thinking through conceptual examinations of site, space, program, materials, structures and form all relative to experience. Individually developed studio projects provide core development of beginning design principles. Reviews of student work draw from faculty and practitioners from across the broader Houston architectural community.

This program prepares students for consideration in the graduate architecture programs nationally and specifically at the University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design.

Enrollment is limited. University housing is available at an additional cost and is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. After posted deadlines, program and housing applications are accepted on a space-available basis only.

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For more information about the University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design please visit: www.arch.uh.edu

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture:

The five week program holds classes Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design's graduate architecture studios (third floor north). Set in the shadow of downtown Houston in an iconic Philip Johnson building, students have access to the full facilities of the College including a world class Architecture and Fine Arts Library as well as the Keeland Design Exploration Lab.

The program pedagogy is rooted in a studio format with individual student design projects. Critical individual project development and focused deadlines will require students to devote significant time during their weekend and evening hours for successful project completion. Class time is devoted to

individual studio work; group reviews; collective lectures, discussions, readings, and a film series. Outside of class time, students are able to access their spaces and work independently. The intense workload and program expectation demand that work be done during these windows of opportunity.

Using the studio model, individual project presentations and critical reviews will take place at the end of each design project. There is a closing reception scheduled for the last day of the program, during which qualifying students receive their program completion certificates and student achievement awards are announced. Parents and guests are invited to attend and view student work on display in the studios.

Transfer Credit

The University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture is a non-credit program and does not appear on university transcripts. Dependent upon the particular institution and program in which each student enrolls, credit for the Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture may be granted by that institution. For those performing satisfactorily, participants leave the Pre-Graduate Summer Program with a certificate of completion and a written evaluation of their performance, work and progress from their studio instructor

Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture Admissions

The University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture is an introduction to the profession and is open to anyone with a high school diploma, who is seriously interested in exploring architecture as a field of professional study, regardless of experience. There are no specific academic standards however, the admission process attempts to identify students who have the interest, initiative, discipline and ability to take full advantage of the program. The program is intended for college students seeking to study architecture at a graduate level or as a minor at their home institution. The course requires no specialized knowledge or background beyond a serious interest in architectural design.

Program Application Procedure

To apply to the GDHCOAD Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture students must submit the following materials in a single PDF:

Application form

Personal statement: A 500 word essay that describes your interest in the field and your experiences to date with design

CV (*Please include academic and professional experience, achievements, awards, extracurricular undertakings, hobbies, travel*)

Transcripts from all colleges/universities attended

\$25 Non-refundable application fee – payable by check or money order to:

Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture
Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design
4200 Elgin St
Houston, TX 77204-4000

Applications are not considered complete until ALL of the above materials have been received.

Applicants may submit a portfolio or samples of creative work for added consideration. Submission materials are only accepted digitally. Applicants should send high quality images of their creative work samples.

All application and payment submission deadlines refer to dates of post-mark.

The Non-refundable program fee of \$1000 – payable by check or money order - will be due within two weeks of acceptance along with signed copies of the indemnity release and photo release.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The University of Houston, with one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, seeks to recruit and retain a diverse community of students.

The University of Houston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. Minorities, women, veterans and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

In accordance with University of Houston policy, the College of Architecture and Design does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, veteran status or handicap in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities. Every effort will be made to ensure fairness and consistency in the school's relations with its students, faculty, and staff.

Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture Program Fee

Program Fee for the Pre-Graduate Summer Program in Architecture 2018 is **\$1,000**.

This fee includes all tuition, field trips and a supply kit with all necessary equipment. A list of all items included in the program supply kit will be made available in your acceptance packet. Students may choose to augment this selection of tools at their discretion. Students should plan on spending approximately **\$100** for additional model building materials that may be necessary for their individual project constructions.

The program is currently unable to offer scholarships or financial aid.

