Design is not simply an action of craft, but it is a form of **critical thinking**, calling forth **innovation** and **creativity** for contemporary conditions.
Located in Houston, Texas, the fourth largest city in the United States, the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design offers students a platform of integrated design disciplines in architecture, interior architecture, and industrial design.

Throughout its 75-year history, the College has used the city of Houston as its laboratory. The thriving metropolis provides endless inspiration for students to develop innovative solutions to real-world problems.

Each semester includes a studio experience taught by award-winning faculty who are also accomplished practicing architects. Faculty work alongside students to incorporate the curriculum into project-based learning and applied research design and tech studios. At the end of each semester, students present their work during "Jury Week" to a panel of expert architects from all over the United States to critique and mentor students to improve their design skills.

The College is housed in an iconic four-story Philip Johnson building. Students have access to software used by top corporate designers, the latest 3D printing technology, and an in-house computer lab. Students interact with faculty in a collaborative, open, and flexible studio environment.

The Burdette Keeland, Jr. Design Exploration Laboratory is one of the largest university-based digital fabrication labs in the United States. The 8,500-square-foot building houses state-of-the-art equipment enabling students to design and generate prototypes using 3D software and specialized machinery. Featured on PBS, the Keeland Center provides students convenient access to important tools of the trade and prepares them to successfully compete in the industry.

Adjacent to the Keeland Laboratory, the new Advanced Media Technology Laboratory will be a leading center for emerging technologies in Texas and home to the cutting-edge advanced digital technologies, including construction robotics, full-scale 3D printing, and augmented/virtual realities.
The five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree program is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), fulfilling the educational requirement to become an architect. At the last NAAB accreditation review, the program received the maximum eight-year term and was commended for its comprehensive design.

The College is recognized both nationally and internationally. At the Venice Biennale, students won the Global Arts Affairs Foundation Prize, competing against award-winning architects from over 40 countries. DesignIntelligence has ranked the College in the top 35 “Most Admired Undergraduate Architecture Schools” in the United States.

Faculty regularly appear on the DesignIntelligence list of "Most Admired Educators" and are among the Texas chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) "Architecture Educator of the Year" award recipients. Undergraduate student projects have been recognized at AIA Houston’s Design Awards.

Many students take advantage of the College’s diverse study abroad and exchange programs to immerse themselves in local culture and expand their world view.
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Additionally, the admissions committee suggests undergraduate applicants send a digital portfolio of creative works to the College of Architecture and Design through the online application.

For more information on portfolio and admission deadlines, visit our website: [UH.EDU/ARCH](http://UH.EDU/ARCH).
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