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APPLICATION DEADLINES
November 1 is the priority deadline for the following fall semester, however applications are considered periodically until February 1. October 1 is the deadline for admission for the spring semester.

ADMISSION INFORMATION
Admission to Architecture is competitive. A variety of factors are considered including academic record, talent, interests and experience. For details see www.architecture.ku.edu/undergraduateadmissions.

SCHOLARSHIPS
The University of Kansas offers renewable scholarships. See www.scholarships.ku.edu for details. The School of Architecture, Design & Planning awards scholarships each year to students admitted to the School.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION at KU is a rich experience that appeals to a variety of students from many backgrounds. And, because not everyone has the same professional goals, we've developed several paths that lead to different professional outcomes. Students can choose from architecture or one of the allied professions of urban planning, construction management, or environmental and interior design.

Each path leads to a graduate, professional degree. Students admitted to the School have two paths that lead to a professional Master of Architecture degree. Those wishing to enter the professions of planning, construction management, or environmental/interior design can follow fast track “4+1” programs that combine study for the B.A. in Architectural Studies with course work required in the graduate professional degrees.

All of the degree paths include sequenced studio classes that teach skill development and integrative methods, specialized professional support classes that supply technical and professional knowledge, and electives that emphasize the more general skills, talents and knowledge needed to succeed in competitive professions.

TWO ARCHITECTURE PATHS
Students enter architecture at KU as freshmen and have two paths that can end with the completion of an accredited, professional Master of Architecture degree.

The first is a 5-year, 180-credit path. It is an intense and demanding studio-based degree program without pre-professional course work in environmental design or graphics. Applicants admitted into the 5-year program must have an outstanding academic record, talent in drawing and design, and a demonstrated ability to handle a challenging course of study.

The other path to the professional Master of Architecture involves a more traditional approach in which students complete the degree path over 6 years (174 credits) and earn a B.A. as well as an M.Arch. It allows students to carry workloads in the first three years that are not as concentrated and that, in addition to studio and technical courses, involve course work in such areas as leadership, and problem solving. These are key areas that are not formally addressed with specific classes in the 5-year path. Admission to the B.A.-M. Arch. path is also competitive. The same objective criteria (grades, class rank, standardized test scores, and previous course work) are examined for admission to both paths.

OTHER OPTIONS The accelerated, fast-track paths that lead to professional graduate degrees in urban planning, construction management, and environmental/interior design all begin with the same curriculum in years 1 and 2 of the B.A. By year 3, students begin taking elective courses within one of these specific areas and in year 4, they begin work on the graduate-level courses in their professional path.

Students who opt for the B.A.-Master of Urban Planning track, which ends with an accredited, professional Master of Urban Planning degree, take core classes in planning history, theory and methods as well as specialized classes in environmental planning, real estate development, land use planning, urban design and transportation planning. An M.U.P. degree opens doors to careers in economic development, environmental conservation, historic preservation, real estate development and many other areas in the public and private sectors.

Students who follow the B.A.-Master of Construction Management path receive a B.A. in Architectural Studies and a graduate degree in Construction Management from KU’s School of Engineering. The rise of the design-build approach in the production of buildings has made architectural training, particularly the “hands-on” type of training available at KU, an essential educational element in the construction-management profession.

Students who opt for the B.A.-Master of Arts in Environmental/Interior Design enjoy the advantage that an architectural education brings to the training of a professional interior designer. This path allows architecture students to combine the skills and knowledge obtained in the Architectural Studies degree core with advanced graduate-level instruction in interior design, interaction design, and architecture. In addition to the challenges offered by this rigorous curriculum, students can participate in professional internships and engage in research projects conducted within the School’s highly recognized Center for Design Research.

FOR FULL DETAILS on all of these options as well as specific degree plans that identify required courses, see http://architecture.ku.edu/undergraduate-paths.