FIU | Communication, Architecture + The Arts

Impact Statement: We are Creative Forces at Work, driving the information, innovation, and creative economies of South Florida and beyond.

School of Architecture | SPRING 2023

MISSION

The mission of the School of Architecture is to educate students to lead the community in enhancing the quality of life through meaningful and sustainable design of built and natural environments.

VISION

The vision of the School of Architecture is excellence in design education. We aspire to be recognized nationally and internationally as a leader of innovation in teaching, research, creativity, and service.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Students

752 Graduate Students

489 Lower Division
251 Upper Division
 12 Doctor of Design

2%	Asian*
7%	Black or African-American*
68%	Hispanic*
10%	Nonresident Alien*
2%	Two or More Races*
11%	White*

Faculty

62 Faculty

30 Full-Time
29 Adjunct
 4 Administrative

2%	Asian*
3%	Black or African-American*
49%	Hispanic/Latino*
2%	Not Reported*
44%	White*

*self-reported

RANKINGS

SOA Ranked Top 20 US Public School of Architecture for 3 consecutive years by QS World Rankings.

#17 in North America (US, Canada, and Caribbean) | Public

#1 in South Florida | Public and Private

#2 in Florida | Public and Private

Design Intelligence ranks Architecture and Landscape Architecture in the Top 20 programs (across the US, Public and Private) for employment of graduates.

SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITY

TOP AREAS OF FUNDED RESEARCH

Robotics and Digital Fabrication
One of a handful of Schools of Architecture with robotic facilities. We have multiple National Science Foundation Education Grants to train faculty and students, and to incorporate AI and robotics into the profession.

AI and AR/VR Visualization
Our faculty embraces cutting-edge technology and research that includes AI, AR/VR visualization, and sensor technology.

Resiliency and Climate Change
National recognition for faculty work in climate change adaptation design, mitigating impacts of sea-level rise, and updated building codes in support of resiliency in the Americas.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Graduate Level

Master of Architecture (MArch)
Master of Arts in Design (MAA)
Doctor of Design (DDes)
Certificate in History, Theory, and Criticism of Architecture (GC)
Master of Interior Architecture (MIA)
Master in Arts in Healthcare Design (MAIA)
Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)
Master of Arts in Urban Design (MAUD)

2,751 degrees conferred **since 1975**.

HIGHLIGHTS

ACCREDITATION
There are 463 accredited design programs in the US: 176 Architecture, 157 Interior Architecture, and 110 Landscape Architecture. Only 35 Schools of Architecture in the US have accredited professional programs in all three professional disciplines: Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Landscape Architecture.

PEDAGOGY
- All three SOA programs are STEM designated by the Florida Board of Governors.
- FIU was among the first in the US to adopt and accredit the Accelerated Professional Master's in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Interior Architecture.
- One of only 5 Doctor of Design programs in the US. Only one in Florida. The others: Harvard, Carnegie Mellon, NC State, and LSU.

CAREER READINESS
D3E Student Conference and Career Fair
Annual conference and career discovery event that brings together students, design professionals, educators, and manufacturers' representatives to introduce different career paths within the industry through presentations, workshops and portfolio reviews.

IPAL program
Among the earliest to be invited by National Council of Architectural Registration Boards to join the Integrated Pathway to Architectural Licensing (IPAL) Program which can reduce the time to professional licensure by 50% from among only 31 accredited IPAL architecture programs nationally (22 public and 9 private). For several years running, we have had 100% employment / placement of our architecture graduates.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WALK ON WATER & FESTIVAL OF THE TREES
Annual signature celebratory events and competitions that connect students and community members through design and bring scholarships and travel grants to our students.

COMMUNITY, REGIONAL, and STATE PARTNERSHIPS
Broad network of collaborators in Professional Organizations, Non-profits, Municipalities, County Government, K-12 school systems, and Foundations that hire our students as interns and employees, and within which many faculty hold leadership positions.

FIU by DESIGN
Provides opportunities for exceptional students to work shoulder-to-shoulder with our faculty, local partners, and real clients to gain meaningful learning experiences while contributing to our community's development.