



THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

COLLEGE OF
ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN



Fact Sheet

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Mission

The University of Tennessee College of Architecture and Design transforms the world with good design.

Legacy at a Glance

- Founded in 1965 as the New School of Architecture, the UT College of Architecture and Design is now comprised of the schools of Architecture, Interior Architecture and Landscape Architecture.
- In 1997, the School of Interior Architecture joined the college as the School of Interior Design.
- In partnership with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the college established the School of Landscape Architecture in 2008.
- The college is located in the award-winning Art + Architecture Building on UT's Knoxville campus and in the Fab Lab in downtown Knoxville.

Numbers at a Glance

- Enrollment in the college is about 420.
- The average GPA of incoming architecture freshmen is 4.09. The average ACT is 28.4.
- The college's faculty-to-student ratio, 1:12, is one of the best in the country.
- In 2016, 20% of the student body were minority students.
- Out-of-state enrollments increased by 30% from 2013 to 2016.
- More than 50 firms from across the country participate in Career Day each year.

Excellence in Design Education

- In the *DesignIntelligence* 2016 report, the School of Architecture's undergraduate program was ranked #10 among public schools and #25 among all schools.
- Eight Fulbright Scholars currently serve as members of the faculty.
- Six students have been chosen as UT Torchbearers, UT's highest student honor.
- The first lecture in the Robert B. Church Memorial Lecture Series was held in 1974, and since, about 280 leading designers have lectured in the college.
- Students have studied abroad in more than 15 countries.
- More than 500 students have studied abroad at Krakow University in Poland, and in 1991, a formal partnership between the two schools was established, making this study abroad program the longest running in the college.

Cutting Edge of Innovation + Opportunity

- The Fab Lab, a 20,000-square-foot maker space for students and faculty, offers 21st Century technology, including CNC routers, X-axis mill, water-jet cutter, 3D printers, laser cutters, robotics, as well as traditional woodworking equipment to help students and faculty explore and learn.
- In 2017, the Fab Lab initiated Digital Fabrication Services for designers in the region.
- In 2016, the college's Design/Build Program was named one of the Top 7 in the country by Study Architecture. For 40 years, the program has offered students experience-learning opportunities.
- In 2014, the college partnered with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Oak Ridge National Laboratory in the Governor's Chair for Energy + Urbanism, an unprecedented, five-year, \$2.5 million partnership that opens new vistas of research and exploration in sustainable design through the unique collaboration of science, design and academia.
- Since 2006, the college has pursued zero-energy design, and in 2015, students in a Governor's Chair Studio worked in parallel with professionals from Governor's Chair partners, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, to design and build AMIE, one of the world's first 3D-printed structures and vehicles that share and generate energy.