



Master of Architecture Program Handbook

Welcome

The UNLV School of Architecture houses Nevada's only professional architecture program. The Graduate Architecture Program sits within a collaboratively-minded school that offers accredited degrees in Interior Architecture and Landscape Architecture, in addition to Architecture. Under the guidance of our world-class faculty, we have an award-winning design build studio, shops and labs with state of the art digital and fabrication tools, and a Downtown Design Center that utilizes Las Vegas as an urban design laboratory.

Our graduate degree in architecture is supported by 7 theme-based research labs in the School of Architecture and offers five areas of excellence: Hospitality and Entertainment Design, Landscape Urbanism + Community-Based Projects, Sustainable Design, Design-Build, and Campus Planning. We are adding a sixth area of excellence—study-abroad Global Design Studios—in the future, with a pilot study-abroad studio in Mexico City scheduled for Summer 2019.

Message from the Graduate Coordinator:

At times, the diversity of the built environment of Las Vegas seems to be rivaled only by the diversity of our student body. Students come from all over the world to engage one of the most exciting environments as a means of exploring critical issues in architecture today. Situated in UNLV's College of Fine Arts, there are opportunities for

Rem Koolhaas, Zaha Hadid, Daniel Libeskind, Frank Gehry, and Antoine Predock among others have built projects throughout the valley, and site visits to several of these places constitute integral parts of the educational experience. An exceptionally talented local design community has contributed significantly to the cultural landscape of Nevada and, impressively, to the architectural aesthetics in other destinations around the world. No matter your interest, the concentrations and electives offered through the curriculum enable exceptional investigations in our often-extreme context. We look forward to exploring those pressing issues with you, conducting research, and fostering advanced design studies.

Mission Statement(s)

The School of Architecture (SoA) offers an NAAB accredited Master of Architecture professional degree (M. Arch). The SoA is an outward-looking school that values its diversity and cutting-edge explorations, and allows for a wide range of design approaches; a contemporary school that is highly engaged with industry, governmental and community; a school where principles of sustainability are embedded in all of our concerns, course, studios, and activities; and a vibrant school that is anchored in the unique locality of the Southern Nevada region.

We offer a transformative experience, generating meaningful knowledge and stimulating discovery through creative thinking and practice.

Our SoA (School of Architecture) graduate faculty and Master of Architecture students organize our innovative research and creative activities into seven theme-based labs which define our priority research concentrations. These are the key areas of our research excellence, with groups and networks supporting the Labs:

Aging + Healthcare Design Lab; Theme: City Well-being

This is a joint lab, coordinated by Dr. Dak Kopec in the SoA, and partnered with UNLV's School of Allied Health Sciences, School of Community Health Sciences, The College of Education, and the College of Medicine.

Natural Energies Advanced Technologies (NEAT) Lab; Theme: City Analytics

Coordinated by Alfredo Fernandez-Gonzalez.

atLAS Lab of Advanced Design Technologies; Theme: City Visualization

This is a joint lab, coordinated by Joshua Vermillion, and partnered with the Department of Art, the Department of Anthropology, and The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs.

Urban Futures Lab; Theme: City Futures

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x Striving to uphold the values and ethics that advance the common good.

Military and Veteran Services Center

The Military and Veteran Service Center is staffed with veterans and veteran education benefits- experienced staff to assist more than 1,800 veterans, dependents, active duty service members, National Guard members, and reservists attending UNLV. Their mission is to develop a welcoming, veteran-friendly campus environment that fosters academic and personal success.

The Financial Aid & Scholarships Office

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Handbook Information

The handbook shall be reviewed and revised, as needed every year by the graduate coordinator.

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