

# UVU Architecture

## Architecture Application and Portfolio Requirements

The study of Architecture at UVU consists of obtaining 2 degrees. Eligible UVU students are permitted to enroll in any of the first 2-year classes housed within the A.S. of Engineering Design Technology (Architectural Drafting and Design Track). Once finished with the A.S. degree, students are eligible to matriculate into the Bachelor of Architecture (B-Arch) degree program. To do so, students will make application to be considered for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the program, students must meet the matriculation requirements as outlined online here: <https://www.uvu.edu/catalog/current/departments/architecture-and-engineering-design/architecture-barch/>

A large portion of the matriculation requirements is a submittal of an application and portfolio of creative student work. Below are the application requirements:

### Application Specifications (Separate from the portfolio)

- Official B-Arch Application document.
- A 1-page statement outlining your interest, goals, and aspirations in the field of architecture.
  - Provide thoughts about studying the design of architectural classicism and traditional & building techniques vs. modern design approaches to architecture.
  - Describe your feelings about why you selected UVU Architecture knowing the Bachelor of Architecture degree is seeking NAAB accreditation, but has not yet secured it.
- Provide a resume displaying your work history, and applicable architecture employment.
- 2 letters of recommendation from employers, faculty, or others who know your work ethic and can attest to you finishing the program successfully. Parents or family are not appropriate. Faculty are good references if they are not on the review committee.
- Unofficial University transcripts displaying coursework previously completed.

The portfolio itself is really a personal statement of your experience drawing upon both student work, and personal interests. It should demonstrate an understanding of your visual training, various creative interests, technical understanding of architecture, and aspirations. Each portfolio is reviewed by an architecture admissions committee of 5 faculty members. It is a very important part of the way the school can learn more about you, your talents, and ability to succeed in the program. In order to be considered for admission to the degree program, it is crucial you adhere to all details regarding the contents and presentation of your portfolio, along with meeting submission deadlines on time.

### Portfolio Specifications

- The portfolio should be physically printed, not digital.
- 10 pages maximum of high-quality reproductions of your best and most recent work. More than one image per page is encouraged to tell the story of your process. Using the front and back of each page is acceptable if desired. 8.5"x11" in either portrait or landscape is acceptable.
- Provide a brief description on each page of your work and your involvement if on a team.
- Strongly encourage professional printing of the portfolio on high quality paper.
- Professional spiral bound portfolios should be considered.
- Loose (unbound) sheets and formats larger than 8.5x11" will not be accepted.
- The applicants name must be clearly visible on the cover page.

Work will be evaluated based on demonstrated skill, discipline, and creativity. Works copied from photos, magazines, and masterworks are not considered strong material. Original work from your own efforts is required.

### Portfolio Content to Consider

A strong successful design portfolio is a collection of your creative works that display:

- Architecture conceptualization of projects. Ideas you have.
- Visualization skills. Architectural renderings in digital and hand drawn format.
- Critical thinking through a design process.
- Technical architectural CAD or Revit drawings. (Not to many here)
- Personal talents. Woodworking, artwork, music you've written.
- Student competition work.
- Content from special problems classes or other extracurricular activities.
- Possible content from your employment displaying your involvement on a project.
- Pencil drawings, pen drawings, paintings, sculptures.

Finally, the overall design of the portfolio itself should demonstrate a level of thinking, care, and consistency that is appropriate with the applicant's creative work. Aspects of the portfolio that should be carefully considered and consistent throughout are: page size, orientation, and layout; font style, labeling, and descriptive text; title pages; use of color, etc.

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## **Portfolio Submission and Application Deadline**

Compile both the application material and portfolio in a 9x12 manila envelope with your name clearly printed on the front. Applications and portfolios are accepted until March 15 of the Spring semester and will be given priority consideration. Hand deliver, or mail in applications and portfolios to the following address.

Dept. Architecture and Engineering Design  
Bachelor of Architecture Degree Program  
Utah Valley University  
Attn: David R. Barker, Program Director  
800 West University Parkway, CS 704  
Orem, UT 84058

## **Portfolio Return**

Upon completion of the admissions process, the portfolio may be returned by mail after the admissions committee has reviewed the candidates. Applicants who would like for material to be returned by mail should enclose a stamped, self-addressed, appropriately sized mailing container when the portfolio is submitted to the Department. Correct postage must be provided. Do not send cash, checks, or money orders to cover postage. Portfolios will not be mailed to an address outside North America. Portfolios not returned by mail are held in the department office for no longer than six months. Student can also come by the Department offices to pick up their portfolio and application material.

## **UVU Architecture Computer Requirements.**

Students accepted into the architecture degree program will need to provide their own laptop to complete the work in the design studios. The following are minimum specifications. Software is made available to the students.

Balanced Price and Performance Machine:

- Microsoft Windows 10 anniversary Update 64 bit
- Multi-Core Intel processor. Highest affordable CPU speed rating is recommended
- 8GB RAM is usually enough for a typical editing session in Revit, Sketchup, or other software up to 300 MB in size.
- Minimum 1680x1050 video display. Preferred Ultra-High (4k) monitor.
- Direct X 11 capable graphics card
- 5 GB free hard drive disk space
- Mouse or another pointing device.