

The Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design

TRANSFER OVERVIEW

Three of our four degrees in the Fay Jones School -- the Bachelor of Architecture, the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, and the Bachelor of Interior Architecture and Design -- are **professional programs**, meaning that these degrees lead towards **licensure** as an architect, landscape architect, or interior designer.

Part of this accreditation requirement is our studio sequence, which is required to complete in full to graduate with any of our professional degrees. Architecture requires 10 design studio courses, Landscape Architecture requires 9 design studios, and Interior Architecture and Design requires 8 design studios. Studio courses cannot be stacked together, taken out of sequence, or taken without meeting the prerequisites. Students typically take one studio per semester.

The studio sequence determines your timeline to graduation. Unless you are transferring in design studio coursework from an institution with the same accreditation as the U of A, you should expect to spend 8-10 semesters on campus completing the degree requirements, depending on your major. Please note that your timeline for graduation might impact your financial aid, and you should work with the Office of Financial Aid if you have any questions.

Please refer to the **Studio Cohorts** handout for more information.

Prepare for Your Advising Appointment

- If you have any classes in progress at another institution that have not been transferred yet, bring a copy of your transcript with those classes.
- Know your scholarship, grant, or award requirements (example: need to be full time, need 15 credits per semester, etc.)
- Run a degree audit in UAConnect.
- Bring a list of questions.

It is recommended for transfer students to start in a summer semester.

If you are not transferring in any design coursework, you can take the first year design studio courses in a 10-week format over the summer, which saves you time towards graduation. To qualify to start in summer studio, Interior Architecture and Landscape Architecture transfer students must meet the transfer GPA requirement of a 2.00 or higher. Architecture transfer students must meet the 2.00 GPA as well as have completed transfer work in **physics and advanced math** to be able to start in studio in the summer or fall.

Students who are changing their major into the Fay Jones School from another college on campus at the U of A must have a GPA of 2.0 to begin studio courses. Students changing their major to Architecture must also have completed physics and math to start studio as well.



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TRANSFER STUDENT CHECKLIST

1

Confirm Admission and Submit Transcripts

Once you have **applied** to the University through the Admissions Office, make sure you have submitted all **official** transcripts from every institution you have attended previously.

If you are transferring in fewer than 24 credit hours, you will need to submit high school transcripts, any AP or IB scores you plan to use for credit, and your ACT/SAT scores as well as college transcripts. You will also need to attend **New Student Orientation**.

If you are transferring in 24 or more credit hours, you can be automatically admitted to the U of A with a transfer GPA of 2.00 or higher. You will not be required to attend in-person New Student Orientation, and can complete an **Online Orientation** instead.

Note: It could take several weeks after applying and submitting your transcripts before you are admitted, matriculated, and ready for advising.

2

Activate Email and Log in to UAConnect

After receiving confirmation of your admission, activate your **email account**. Use this email to log in to **UAConnect** and go to **Student Center**. On the right side, you will see a column containing Alerts, To-Do List, Enrollment Dates, and more. The **Alerts** box will show any **holds** on your account.

Advising Hold: Can only be removed by a meeting with your advisor.

Immunization Hold: Send your immunization records to immu@uark.edu.

Pre-Registration Hold: Can be removed by you. Go to your To-Do List and check the box agreeing to your financial plan.

3

Check Transfer Credit Status

To check that your transfer credits have been received and applied to your account, log in to **UAConnect** and go to **Student Center**. Under Academics, click on the drop-down box **Other Academic...** and select **View UA Transfer Credit**. *As soon as you see that you transfer work has been posted, you should schedule an advising appointment (see **Transfer Advising** handout).*

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Additional Tasks to Complete

- Get your UARK student ID card.
- Purchase your parking permit, if needed.
- Purchase your textbooks once you have registered for your first semester.
- Complete your tuition payment.

TRANSFER ADVISING

It is in your best interest to get in contact with the Fay Jones Student Success team at fjsoa@uark.edu as soon as you are considering transferring to the U of A and the Fay Jones School. While your official advising appointment cannot be held until your transfer credits have been applied to your account (see Step 3 on the **Transfer Student Checklist** handout), students who contact us early in the advising and orientation season will have better opportunities for scheduling classes than students who apply and get in contact later.

As soon as you see your transfer credits have been posted to your account in UAConnect, contact us to set up your advising appointment. Find the section below that will apply to your situation for information on what to expect in this process.

If You Are Transferring from a Non-Design Major at the U of A or Another Institution:

If your major was previously something other than Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or Interior Architecture and Design, **you will be starting at the beginning of your design program as a first year student and your graduation timeline will not be impacted by previous transfer work.** Our degrees are professional programs, meaning that they are specifically accredited for licensure. Part of the license requirements include a certain number of design studio courses, which must be taken in sequence and cannot be stacked together.

If you are transferring into **Interior Architecture and Design** or **Landscape Architecture**, you can begin your studio sequence in the summer, which allows you to complete the first year of required design courses in ten weeks, or in the fall, depending on the availability of seats in fall first year studio. If you are planning on starting in the fall, you should be in contact with the Fay Jones School no later than May to be able to secure a seat in studio.

Students who are transferring into Architecture **must have completed a college-level physics course and an advanced math (Plane Trig, Calculus, or Finite math) to begin any design studio coursework.** If you have completed math and physics, you will be able to transfer to start in the summer program or in the fall. If you are interested in starting in the fall, you should be in contact with the Fay Jones School no later than May to be able to secure a seat in studio. If you do not have math and/or physics transfer work, you will not be able to start the design studio sequence until those are completed.

If You Are Transferring from An Accredited Design Program at Another Institution:

Students transferring from other similarly accredited design programs have the opportunity to set a portfolio review to evaluate their skills and where they fit in the sequence of design classes at the Fay Jones School. This could save you time by starting at the level where you left off at your previous institution, depending on the proficiency and skill shown in your provided work. If you are not sure whether your previous design program is accredited similarly to the Fay Jones School, you can check the websites for the **NAAB** (Architecture), **CIDA** (Interior Architecture and Design), or **LAAB** (Landscape Architecture) to check for your previous institution.

If you qualify for a portfolio review, it will take place before your advising appointment so that you are registered in the correct set of classes for your first semester. You will need the following for this portfolio review:

- **Portfolio of creative work:** Preferably digital in PDF format. You can upload your portfolio to a storage site and send the link, or send the PDF of your portfolio directly to fjsoa@uark.edu.
- **Copy of your transcript:** This does not need to be an official copy, but should have all the classes you are planning to transfer to the U of A.
- **Design course syllabi:** Copies of the syllabi or other official descriptions of courses that are to be considered for major transfer credit. This information could include course activities and assignments, exam and homework subjects, and course goals and subject matter.

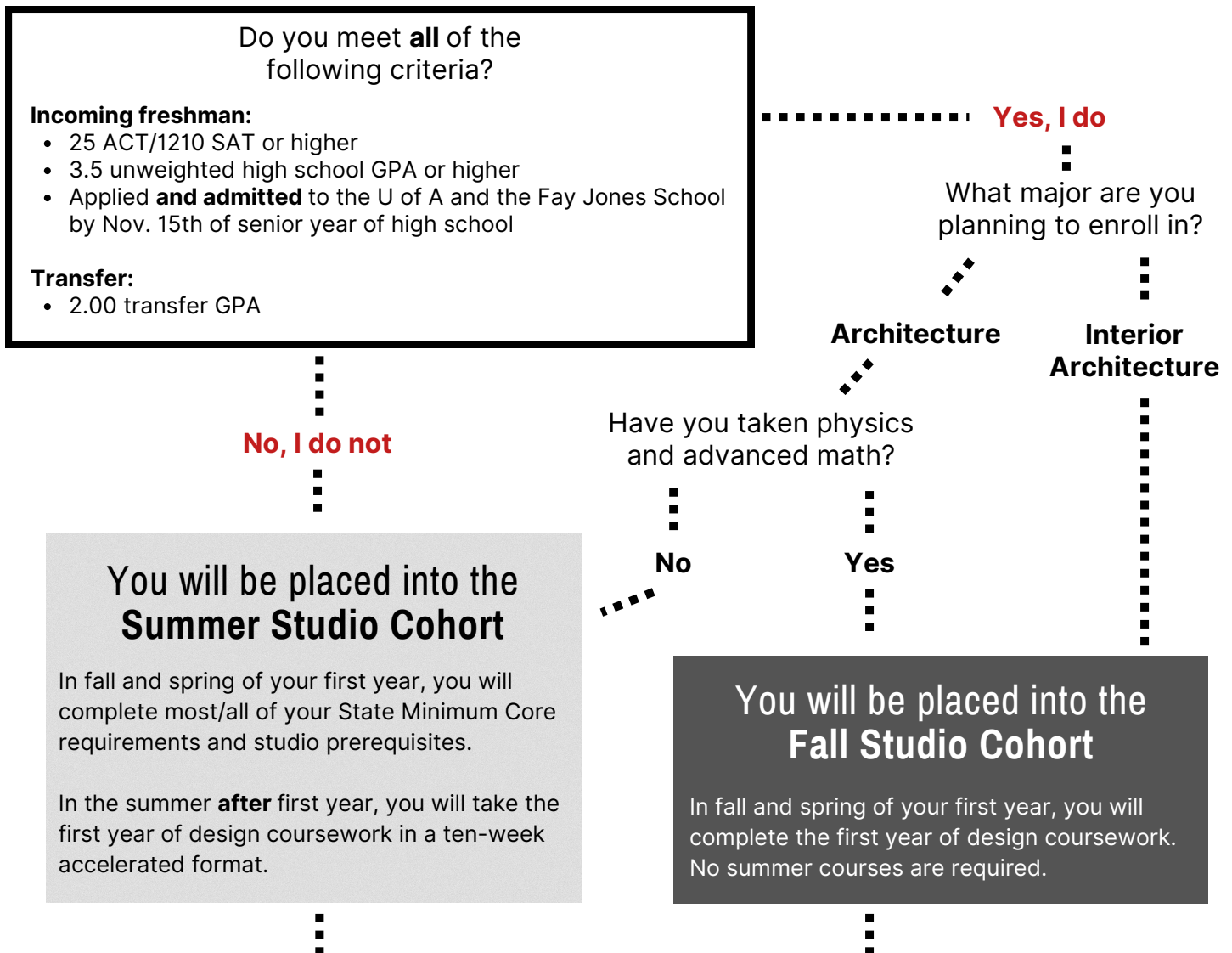
Note: Students planning to transfer into the Bachelor of Architecture program will need to display completed college-level coursework in physics and an advanced math (Plane Trig, Calculus, or Finite Math) to be able to start design coursework at the U of A, regardless of other transfer credits.

STUDIO COHORTS

The Fay Jones School professional programs are based around **design studios**, which are hands-on, project-based courses where students learn design fundamentals, then build on them to create their own unique design style using all the new tools at their disposal.

First year students in Architecture and Interior Architecture and Design have two paths for starting their design studio classes, either in the **fall and spring** of their first year or in the **summer** after first year. The Fall Studio Cohort has **limited capacity**, typically with availability for 60 students per major. Students are placed into one of these cohorts based on their academic record coming into the program. Please note: if you are a transfer student who is **not** transferring from an accredited design program into the Fay Jones School (see **Transfer Advising** handout), you will start as a first year design student regardless of your transfer credits. Transfer students can also choose to start in the Summer Studio Cohort, if they meet all requirements (see **Transfer Advising** handout).

Follow the chart below to figure out which design studio cohort you will be placed into.



Regardless of your first year cohort, all students who complete the first year of design coursework continue into second year fall courses together.

- Incoming freshmen who qualify for the Fall Studio Cohort will receive an **invitation via UARK email**. If you do not follow the instructions in the email, you will be moved automatically to the Summer Studio Cohort.
- **Test Optional Admission:** Please note that incoming freshmen have the ability to apply and be admitted as a Test Optional admit. If you choose this option and do not provide a test score, you will automatically be placed into the Summer Studio Cohort regardless of whether you later submit a qualifying test score.
- **Landscape Architecture** students do not have to meet these requirements to be placed in the fall studio cohort, as long as space allows.