



Board of Governors, State University System of Florida
Specialized Admissions Status
Initial Approval Request Form

In Accordance with Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions

INSTITUTION: University of Florida

DEGREE PROGRAM: Bachelor of Design (Architecture)

CIP CODE 04.0201 **Effective Academic Year** 2023-24

1. Does this request for specialized admissions status apply to the whole degree program? If no, please specify which major(s) or track(s) are seeking the status. **YES**
2. Which criteria for specialized admissions status does the program meet?
 - Limited Resources (if approved, the status will last a maximum of four years)
 - Minimal Skills (if approved, the status will last a maximum of five years)
 - Accreditation Requirements (If checked, you must also select either limited resources or minimal skills)
3. Provide a rationale for why the program meets the criteria selected above.
 - If the program is seeking specialized admissions status due to limited resources, provide details regarding which types of resources are limited and how the current demand for the program outpaces these resources.

Enrollment in the School of Architecture's Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) degree program is limited by the number of desks available in the design studios. The School of Architecture maintains a "cold desk" policy in which each student is assigned a dedicated work space throughout the semester. The studio spaces available for Upper Division classes have 96 desks each, which caps our enrollment in third and fourth year at 96. The number of students in our Lower Division studios typically exceeds this capacity, which requires the School to reduce enrollment through a review of work created by students during their first two years in the program.
 - If seeking specialized admission status based on accrediting body requirements, please include the name of the accrediting body and a direct link to or copies of the specific standard(s) which require the requested status.
4. If the program is seeking specialized admissions status due to limited resources and/or is a Program of Strategic Emphasis, provide the institution's plan and timeline for increasing program resources. If the institution does not plan to increase capacity over the next few years, please provide a rationale. Not applicable.

The School is working to expand enrollment by introducing Upper Division studio courses during Summer C. These summer studios will be offered as optional study abroad courses, which will have the additional benefit of meeting student demand for more travel opportunities. Summer studios should help us increase enrollment capacity in our Upper Division cohorts by approximately 16 students.

- 5. If approved for specialized admissions status, what will be the program’s admissions requirements? Additionally, please indicate how these requirements and procedures ensure equal access for qualified Florida College System Associates in Arts graduates competing for available space in the program.

The School of Architecture currently manages Upper Division enrollment through a review of Lower Division student work during the Spring semester of each student’s second year. Known as Pin Up, this process requires all second-year students to prepare a large panel displaying work created during their first four semesters in the B.Des. program. Students with AA degrees from FCS institutions are invited to participate in the Pin Up process and several receive admissions offers every year. However, our limited resources restrict the number of admissions offers extended every year.

- 6. What is the current race and gender profile of the program? Describe the potential impact on the race and gender profiles of the program. What strategies will be implemented to promote and maintain diversity in the program?

Under the current specialized admissions program, B.Des. students identify as 58.76% female/41.24% male, and 10% Asian, 8% Black, 29% Hispanic, 1% Native American, 47% white, and 4% other. UF Institutional Research data indicates that Architecture students are generally more diverse than the UF undergraduate student body as a whole. We hope to increase this diversity by expanding Upper Division enrollment, which will allow us to admit and enroll more FCS AA graduates.

Required Signatures



Requestor/Initiator

July 13, 2022

Date

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Signature of College Dean

7/15/2022 | 8:55 AM EDT

Date

Signature of Campus EO Officer

Date

Signature of Provost

Date

Signature of Chair of the Board of Trustees

Date

Date Approved by the Board of Trustees