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4.1 Student Progress Evaluation Procedures

All students are accepted into the M.Arch program through a standard yearly admissions process. Applicants are reviewed by a committee of faculty and graduate students in their final year of the M.Arch program. The committee works in teams of three (two faculty and one student member per team) and reviews a cohort of either Path A or Path B applicants. Each team ranks the applicants it has reviewed. The director of admissions compiles the applicant rankings for review by the entire committee. The committee compiles a ranked list of admitted applicants for each program and forwards these lists to the chair. The Chair reviews the admitted students list and makes final decisions on all admissions decisions.

Admitted students may apply to the Chair for exemption from specific courses in the program's curriculum, and are required to provide evidence (e.g. syllabus, portfolio) that they have successfully completed a course with equal or greater content than the course for which they wish to be exempted. Credit is only given for courses taken at accredited academic institutions. Students are not eligible to receive course exemption for knowledge gained through internship. The Chair meets with the faculty of the 602, 701 studios to review respectively the progress of students in the Path A and Path B programs.

Procedures for Evaluating Student Progress

The Chair assigns faculty advisors to all incoming students. Students meet with their advisors as required, but are expected to meet with them to review course selection. Students are provided with advising forms which they use to track their progress through the curriculum.

The minimum passing grade for a graduate student in the School of Architecture is B-. Students who earn grades lower than B- in a course are required to retake and successfully pass the course. Students who do not successfully complete a design studio must successfully repeat the design studio before they are allowed to enroll in the next studio course in the sequence.

Faculty are asked at mid-term and at the end of the semester to identify any student who is in danger of not passing a given class and to forward their names to the Associate Dean of Students and program director. Subsequently the program director meets with these students to review their performance. Students must pass all courses each semester to remain in good academic standing. Students who are not in good academic standing may be asked to take a leave of absence or in some instances leave the program.

In the semester prior to graduation, students are required to complete a pre-graduation course survey to ensure they have completed all required coursework. The survey must be reviewed by the program director and registrar in order for a student to receive a degree.

4.2 Studio Culture Policy

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The School of Architecture has long recognized the importance of creating and sustaining within its design studio a culture which values the craft and métier of design, inquiry, experimentation, respect for the interests of both the individual and the community, and collaboration. These are characteristics are essential to the success of design studio and curriculum at our school.
drafting our initial studio culture policy we wanted to ensure they would continue to define the life and spirit of the studio. The studio policy was drafted by a committee of students and faculty last spring, will be reviewed and adopted by students this semester. A copy of the draft policy is located in Appendix A-1.