UVA SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

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DIRECT ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Every UVA School of Architecture undergraduate student who graduates with a strong academic record, above a 3.3 cumulative GPA (and a 3.5 GPA in design studios for architecture, or landscape architecture) is insured direct admission and advanced standing into the corresponding graduate program. Any student with a GPA below 3.3 is still free to apply through the normal admissions process.

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1. DIRECT ADMISSIONS POLICY:
All undergraduate students who complete their 7th semester with a 3.3 GPA or higher are guaranteed direct admission into the corresponding graduate program after successful portfolio or writing sample review.

a. Students are required to submit a streamlined, UVA School of Architecture graduate application, with a guaranteed acceptance.

b. Admission into the Architecture or Landscape Architecture programs also requires a 3.5 cumulative GPA in the design studios.

c. Additionally, portfolios and writing samples will be part of the candidate's evaluation for merit-based departmental scholarships.

d. The portfolio and writing sample review will take place in the January of the student's final year of undergraduate study, after their 7th semester GPA has been confirmed.

e. Direct admission into the UVA School of Architecture graduate programs is ultimately contingent on the student maintaining above a 3.3 cumulative GPA (and 3.5 GPA in design studios for architecture or landscape architecture) upon graduation from the undergraduate program.

2. ADVANCED STANDING POLICY:
Students who graduate with above a 3.3 GPA and who complete the required curricular pre-requisites in their undergraduate major are guaranteed both direct admission and advanced standing.

a. BArH and BUEP graduates with advanced standing can complete the corresponding graduate degree in one year through a 4+1 track.

b. BSArch, Pre-Professional concentration graduates with advanced standing can complete the MArch or MLA graduate degree through a 4+2 track to obtain their professional degree.

c. BSArch, Design Thinking concentration graduates with advanced standing can complete the MArch or MLA graduate degree through a 4+2.5 track to obtain their professional degree.

3. FINAL COHORT:
Students who graduated from the UVA School of Architecture in Spring 2026 are the final cohort eligible for Direct Admission for Fall 2028 enrollment. Eligibility is subject to the policy's academic and program-specific requirements. Students who do not qualify for Direct Admission may still apply to UVA School of Architecture graduate programs through the regular admissions process.