The College for Design and Social Inquiry is dedicated to promoting safe, healthy and sustainable communities through education, research and design. We are a unique configuration of professional programs addressing social justice, design, public policy and planning in and for communities. We strive to develop solutions through the integration and synergy of diverse disciplines. In doing so, the College prepares future leaders, scholars, and innovators to advocate for solutions through action.

There are five academic units in the College: the School of Architecture, the School of Public Administration, the School of Urban and Regional Planning, the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the School of Social Work. Programs from these schools are offered across all FAU campuses.

Bachelor's degrees in Architecture, Criminal Justice, Social Work, Public Management, and Urban and Regional Planning are offered by the College. Master's degrees in Criminology & Criminal Justice and Criminal Justice and the School of Social Work. Programs from these schools are offered across all FAU campuses.

Recent Highlights

• Google Earth is now using a 3-D image of the FAU Higher Education Complex in Fort Lauderdale that was produced by a student project in the School of Urban and Regional Planning.

• The study abroad program in the School of Architecture has recently provided students the opportunity to travel to Germany, Italy and Puerto Rico.

• President Obama recently held the first Cyberbullying Prevention conference ever in the White House and invited Dr. Sameer Hinduja from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice to be a featured speaker.

• The graduate program in the School of Public Administration was rated in the top 100 graduate schools in the U.S. by U.S. News.

• The School of Social Work has recently opened the Aging Academy whose mission is to more actively engage students in geriatric studies.

Visit www.fau.edu/CDSI for the latest news.

The college is also home to several research and service centers including: the Visual Planning Technology Lab, the Institute of Government, the Institute for Design and Construction, the Broward Community Design Collaborative, The Aging Academy and the Public Procurement Research Center.

The College for Design and Social Inquiry consists of a diverse group of faculty and staff members from various domestic and international backgrounds, this diversity enhances the teaching, research and service provided to our students and community.

Students from every walk of life find their home in our academic programs. The number of students in both the undergraduate and graduate programs is continually growing.

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Helpful Links

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
www.fau.edu/admissions

Office of the Registrar
www.fau.edu/registrar

Financial Aid
www.fau.edu/financialaid

Scholarships
www.fau.edu/admissions and click on “Scholarships”

Housing and Residential Life
www.fau.edu/housing

Office for Students with Disabilities
www.osd.fau.edu

Office for Student Orientation
www.fau.edu/orientation

Center for Learning and Student Success (CLASS)
www.fau.edu/CLASS

Learning Community Programs
www.fau.edu/learningCommunity

FAU Athletics
www.fausports.com
School of Architecture
Bachelor of Architecture
(Master of Architecture)
The School offers a nationally accredited Bachelor of Architecture degree and will soon begin offering a Master of Science. The School emphasizes architecture as a social act wherein good design does not end with a visually beautiful solution, but must also include an understanding and response to the needs of people, communities, and environments. The School’s international and diverse faculty includes awarded artists, designers and scholars developing research and creative works in building science, urban design, architectural design, history and theory.

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
Master of Science in Criminology & Criminal Justice
The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers students undergraduate and graduate coursework and practical experiences, engaging them with justice and criminological theory, policy and research relevant to careers in federal, state and local criminal justice agencies — and for some, advanced graduate education and legal careers. The School’s civic justice and community focus is based on the belief that relevant to careers in federal, state and local criminal justice agencies — and for some, advanced graduate education and legal careers. The School’s civic justice and community focus is based on the belief that low-crime neighborhoods are grounded in strong designs, families and community settings. Students work directly with faculty to learn best practices to work with clients in individual, group, organization, child welfare, aging, restorative justice, victim advocacy, ethics and numerous other areas. Students work directly with faculty to learn best practices to work with clients in individual, group, organization, child welfare, aging, restorative justice, victim advocacy, ethics and numerous other areas.

School of Social Work
Bachelor of Social Work
Master of Social Work
Hosting both a BSW and an MSW program with over 660 students, the School of Social Work provides more than 177,000 community service hours annually in more than 200 social service programs in south Florida. The faculty are internationally known scholars with research spanning areas of substance abuse, community organization, child welfare, aging, restorative justice, victim advocacy, ethics and numerous other areas. Students work directly with faculty to learn best practices to work with clients in individual, group, organization, child welfare, aging, restorative justice, victim advocacy, ethics and numerous other areas.

School of Urban & Regional Planning
Bachelor of Urban and Design
Bachelor of Urban & Regional Planning
Master of Urban & Regional Planning
The School of Urban and Regional Planning is a locus of scholars, teachers, practitioners and students committed to the continuous improvement of urban regions. Both in research and education the School focuses on the recognition and use of multi-scalar connections and interactions of systems and planning activities. Faculty and students work together on research on urban networks, adaptation to climate change, disaster management, housing and the creation of healthy cities. The School offers both an undergraduate and a graduate degree at FAU’s downtown Fort Lauderdale campus — providing students the opportunity to study planning within the dynamic environment of the southeast Florida Metropolitan Region — while preparing them to become leaders in planning for urban regions around the globe.

Application Procedures
If you have not already applied to FAU you should do so well in advance of your desired entry date. Application deadlines for freshman are in February for the following fall. Transfer students deadlines are later, but the sooner you can apply the better. You do not have to wait until you are done with high school or community college to apply.

Special information for School of Architecture applicants: Students that wish to apply to the Bachelor of Architecture program must first apply and be accepted to the University. Upon acceptance to the University, students can begin the application process for the Bachelor of Architecture degree program—the first deadlines are in January each year, so apply early. Visit www.fau.edu/CDSI/arch for more information.

For more details about application deadlines as well as assistance in planning your educational goals at the College for Design and Social Inquiry, visit www.fau.edu/CDSI/advising.