

FAU SoA PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students should consider the following guidelines when submitting a portfolio for admissions. A portfolio is a design project and an illustration of your work and your own design thinking. While the School will not provide a template or any particular portfolio as “ideal”, the issues below include a few specific requirements and several answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding the School’s portfolio submission.

Orientation: Pages can be either portrait (vertical) or landscape (horizontal). The design and layout of the projects is up to you.

Content: No original documents, slides, or rolled drawings will be accepted

Size: Portfolios should be approximately letter size (8 ½ by 11) format. Portfolios may include up to 24 pages of representative work

The cover page should include: your name, address, telephone number, email address, your Z# (student number assigned by the university), and please make sure to note the design sequence you are applying for (i.e. if you have completed a four year degree and are applying to enter the “Fifth year” or “Design 9”).

PROJECTS TITLES: All projects should include the following text information:

- A title
- A description of the project
- The course for which the work was completed (where applicable)
- Date completed
- Group work or professional work, the individual’s role in the project.

PORTFOLIOS SHOULD CONSIST OF:

- A sequential process of development from design 1 and up, with the greatest emphasis on recent works. Examples of past student work are most important, but other work – completed privately or in a professional setting are accepted.
- Architectural projects should be illustrated with clear reproductions and include a range of architectural representation: plans, elevations, sections, perspective drawings, sketches, models, and other three-dimensional representations.
- The architecture faculty reviews the contents of a portfolio for admission **and** placement purposes. The projects submitted will be evaluated for equivalent learning. Student placement in the Design Studio sequence is based upon the illustrated level of skill and understanding **as indicated in the presented work.**

PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION & WRITING EXERCISE DEADLINE:

The School of Architecture accepts new applicants in the **Fall Semester only**. Applicants are also required to complete a short a writing exercise on the day portfolios are due. Please submit a portfolio of work by the following date by the following date:

FALL 2011 Admissions deadlines and dates:

- **University Application:** last Friday in January (apply online at www.fau.edu/admissions)
- **School of Architecture Application:** Last Friday in February at 10 am
available online at <http://www.fau.edu/caupa/arch/applications.html>
- **Portfolio** – must arrive or be delivered by last Friday in February at 10 am. If you are hand delivering a portfolio these should be brought to room 807 of the Higher Education Complex, 111 E Las Olas Blvd, in downtown Ft Lauderdale.
- **Required Writing Exercise** – on last Friday in February at 10 am, Room 807 of the Higher Education Complex, Downtown Ft Lauderdale. (In Person)

Portfolios submitted after either of this deadline will not be accepted!

SEND PORTFOLIO TO: FAU, School of Architecture, 111 East Las Olas Blvd., Room 809, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301.
If you have any questions, please contact Versel Reid at 954-762-5644 or vreid@fau.edu .

Program Accreditation

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted a 6-year, 3-year, or 2-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The Florida Atlantic University, College for Design and Social Inquiry, School of Architecture offers the following NAAB-accredited degree program: B. Arch. (159 credits, undergraduate and graduate, as required). Next accreditation visit for this program: 2011.