

Entrance Evaluation Guidelines & General Information

Department of Architecture - The University of Memphis

The Entrance Evaluation is required of all students wishing to major in Architecture and/or Interior Design at the University of Memphis. Applicants are accepted into Pre-Candidacy Review status on the basis of their potential for study in the field of Architecture and/or Interior Design. The Entrance Evaluation process must be successfully completed before enrolling in any courses in the Department of Architecture beyond ARCH 1120, Introduction to Architecture + Design.

The Entrance Evaluation consists of three parts bound in an 8.5"x11" portfolio format: the Information Form, the Essay, and the Representative Work. The portfolio must have your name and Department of Architecture Entrance Evaluation clearly visible on the cover. Include a key with numbers corresponding to numbers on the work, and a description of the objective of each work. Each part is described below.

Identification Form

Provide the following information on a single sheet of paper.

Full Name
Address

Telephone Number
UofM E-Mail

UofM U Number
High School / College

Essay

Write an essay describing something that is well designed (for example a three-dimensional object or two-dimensional work) and explain why the design is effective. This essay must include one page of narrative using a standard font size and double-spaced formatting and one page of sketches clarifying or expanding upon the essay. Arial 10 or 11 point is an example of an acceptable font and size.

Representative Work

Submit one original drawing each of a bicycle, a stair, and fallen/falling leaves. Each of these must be on 8.5"x11" plain paper. Use any media. In addition to these, submit two additional pieces that demonstrate your best creative ability. Do not submit AutoCAD work. Examples of two-dimensional work including work larger than 8.5"x11" must be submitted as high-quality photocopies or scans. Three-dimensional work must be submitted in the form of high quality photographs.

Due Date

New students must submit the Entrance Evaluation before noon on Friday, 6 October 2017. Students reapplying for acceptance must submit the Evaluation before noon on Friday, 6 October 2017. **Evaluations not submitted in accordance with these guidelines and dates will be rejected.**

Submit your Entrance Evaluation to:

Department of Architecture
Jones Hall – Room 404
The University of Memphis
Memphis, TN 38152

All Entrance Evaluation portfolios will be retained by the Department of Architecture.

Submit questions via e-mail to architecture@memphis.edu.

NOTE: All new students are required to attend the Department of Architecture New Student Orientation. An additional essay and the Academic Characteristics Survey are required parts of Orientation. Additional information will be provided but you should be prepared to write an essay describing why you want to study Architecture and/or Interior Design at the University of Memphis. The essay must not exceed 500 words. Use a standard sans-serif font size and double-spaced formatting. Arial 10 or 11 point is an example of an acceptable font and size.