MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE ADMISSIONS FOR INTERNAL CANDIDATES

NAAB Accreditation Statement
In the United States, most 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 professional degree programs in architecture offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year, three-year, or two-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 require a preprofessional undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the preprofessional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree. The Department of Architecture at South Dakota State University offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs: M. Arch. (preprofessional degree + 48 graduate credits), M. Arch. (nonpreprofessional degree + 97 credits). All of DoArch’s NAAB Reports are on file in the Department office.

ADMISSION PROCESS FOR INTERNAL CANDIDATES
All applicants for admission to the Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degree program will start with an on-line application for admission into the Graduate School. (start here: https://www.sdstate.edu/graduate-school). The Graduate School requires filling out a form, paying a $35 fee, submitting transcripts, and showing proof of immunity (w/ TOEFL for international students). The Department of Architecture (DoArch) has further requirements for admission, which include submission of a portfolio, a letter of reference, and records. We do not require the GRE in our application. An application checklist with DoArch’s requirements can be found on page 2 of this document.

GRADUATE TEACHING & RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS
DoArch offers graduate teaching and research assistantships on a semester by semester basis to graduate students who possess classroom leadership skills, a capacity for critical conversation, and a curiosity about how architecture is taught, practiced, and researched. Positions will be designed on a case-by-case basis depending on strengths and area of interest. To apply for a Graduate Assistantship after the on-line application is complete, contact SDSU DoArch via email with a subject line that says “Graduate Assistantship (academic year applying for)”. Graduate Assistantships will be offered with admission in some cases. Graduate Assistantships are not offered in the first semester for those starting at DoArch at SDSU in the first professional studio (ARCH451).

PORTFOLIO LOCATOR & WAIVER
The author of the portfolio will retain all creative and intellectual control of the contents of the portfolio submission, but the portfolio submitted by applicants for admission into the Master of Architecture program at SDSU DoArch will sit in the public domain associated with issuu.com. We will be sharing the portfolio submissions with other academics, accrediting bodies, practitioners, and the general public. Images used from your portfolio elsewhere will include appropriate attribution so that authors are identified wherever possible. We require your permission to share your portfolio (see page 2) with potential employers, assessors, and in new student recruitment.
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST
This page must be completed and emailed to donna.dunn@sdstate.edu.

___ A) PDF Portfolio uploaded to issuu.com (60% of consideration)

The portfolio should be comprised of no more than 18 printed sheet faces inside the front and back cover. 8.5 by 11 inch (letter size) portrait oriented sheet size is recommended. The portfolio needs no table of contents or introduction. The PDF is uploaded to issuu.com by the applicant and will include:

___ 1) Resumé on the front cover with name, contact info, and a brief outline of the applicant's education, employment, and service histories dating back to high school graduation.

___ 2) Creative Work by the applicant printed on the 18 sheets between the covers that demonstrates a clear capacity for making things. This portfolio should feature design work completed as DoArch coursework almost exclusively. Work completed in collaboration must be noted as such. Studio level and instructor should be indicated. Candidates are encouraged to include pages of text samples (quotes) from exemplary term papers and other writing in the portfolio if indicative of creative and making skills.

___ 3) Statement of Intent on the rear cover, outlining goals to achieve in professional training and career goal projections.

___ B) One Letter of Reference emailed to donna.dunn@sdstate.edu (10% of consideration)

From a non-DoArch faculty member.

___ C) Records emailed to donna.dunn@sdstate.edu (30% of consideration)

___ 1) Unofficial Transcript: email electronic copy
___ 2) Portfolio Locator and Waiver: complete the information below.

My Name is (print clearly - do not sign): ________________________________

The portfolio for my application for the M.Arch. program is located at:
(print clearly) issuu.com/ ________________________________

In applying for admission into the M.Arch. program at SDSU I understand that I am placing my portfolio submission in the public domain.

(signature) ___________________________________________________________________

DEADLINES FOR INTERNAL CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS ARE ONLINE AT:
https://www.sdstate.edu/school-design/architecture-doarch/graduate-admissions