

A Guide for K-State Students Planning to Apply for Admission to APDesign for 2021

Architecture, Interior Architecture, Industrial Design, Landscape Architecture (Studio based 5-year Master's Degrees)

The first year of these three programs is typically spent in the Environmental Design Studies Program (ENVD). There are two points of entry available.

1. One accelerated summer studio. Begin in the summer of 2021 and take an intense 10-week design studio. Upon successful completion you would begin in the second year of the 5-year program in fall 2021. There are specific pre-requisites that must be completed to qualify for this option (see below). Additional information can be found at: <http://apdesign.k-state.edu/future-students/docs/SBS.pdf>
2. Two regular semesters. Begin the first year of the 5-year program in fall 2021. See suggested courses below. Pursuing this option means that if you are accepted, you will be attending K-State for a minimum of five more years.

Descriptions of the degree programs and curriculum guides that include all required classes can be found under each degree program at: <http://apdesign.k-state.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/>

Recommendations to share with your Academic Advisor as you enroll for fall 2020 and spring 2021:

You need to enroll in, and complete, 12 or more credit hours each semester. The following courses will apply to the first-year program in APDesign, **the courses in BOLD are required for admission to the accelerated summer studio:**

ENVD 203 – Survey of Design Professions (1 credit hour, meets Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:20. Fall only.)

*ENVD 250 – History of Designed Environment I (3 credit hours, MWF 1:30-2:20. Fall only.)

*ENVD 251 – History of Designed Environment II (3 credit hours, MWF 1:30-2:20. Spring only.)

MATH 100 – College Algebra

PHYS 115 – Descriptive Physics (5 credit hours. Spring only.)

ENGL 100 – Expository Writing I

COMM 105 or COMM 106 – Public Speaking

General elective courses (15+ credit hours, taking a course in free-hand drawing is highly recommended.)

*We highly recommend taking ENVD 250 and ENVD 251 if you are planning to apply for admission to the accelerated summer studio. ENVD 250 and ENVD 251 are not required pre-requisites; however they are required classes for degree completion so taking these course in 2020-21 can be very helpful to you.

Regional & Community Planning (5-year Master's Degree)

If you have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours and are admitted to the Master of Regional & Community Planning program (MRCP) for fall 2020 you will be considered a second year student in the 5-year MRCP program.

Students enrolled in MRCP **are NOT** eligible for tuition reduction under the Missouri Reciprocal Tuition Program.

Descriptions of the MRCP degree program and curriculum guide that include all classes required can be found at: apdesign.k-state.edu/larcp/academics-/regional-and-community-planning.html

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Recommendations to share with your Academic Advisor as you enroll for fall 2020 and spring 2021:

You need to enroll in, and complete, 12 or more credit hours each semester. The following courses will apply to the MRCP program:

ENVD 203 – Survey of Design Professions (1 credit hour, Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:20. Fall only.)
ENVD 250 – History of Designed Environment I (3 credit hours, MWF from 1:30-2:20. Fall only. Will fulfill the history elective.)
MATH 100 – College Algebra
ENGL 100 – Expository Writing I
ENGL 200 – Expository Writing II
COMM 105 or COMM 106 – Public Speaking
*Humanities/Design Elective
*Social Science/History Elective
*Social Science/Sociology Elective
*Natural Science Electives
General Elective Courses

*To learn more about required electives run a “What if” DARS report in KSIS. Use the following criteria:

Academic Program = ARUDG, “What if” plan = URCP.

We do not recommend enrolling in math and the natural science elective at the same time.

Priority Application Deadline is February 1, 2021 for all majors in APDesign

(Applications received after February 1st will be considered if space is available after considering all applications that met the February 1st deadline)

Admission to APDesign is competitive and limited by the number of seats available. You need to have at least a 3.00 cumulative K-State GPA to be considered for admission. However, a 3.00 GPA does not guarantee admission. If you are currently in the English Language Program (ELP), you are welcome to apply for admission. However, successful applicants have completed both ELP and a full semester of university course work (at least 12 credit hours) and have attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

Graduate Studies for All APDesign Students

Successful completion of all five degree programs result in receiving an accredited 5-year master’s degree. Therefore, you will apply to the graduate school in the sixth semester of the program (spring semester of the 3rd year). Admission to the graduate school is based on academic performance. You must have a 3.00 cumulative GPA to gain unconditional admission to the Graduate School. The Graduate School and the program faculty may admit students on a probationary basis with a cumulative GPA of 2.75-2.99. However, to remain in the graduate program you must earn a 3.00 or “B” average in all graduate courses. Program faculty may also request additional materials such as a portfolio, essay and/or references to be considered in making admission decisions.

We urge you to learn as much as possible about financial aid opportunities, not only as an undergraduate student, but also as a graduate student (you will take a minimum of 30 credits of graduate course work in the fourth and/or fifth years).

If you are not admitted to the graduate program, you will have to change your major to obtain a bachelor’s degree. No bachelor’s degrees are awarded by APDesign.

