

# Academic Policies and Procedures

## Equipment and Supplies

Students are responsible for their own tools and supplies, which include, but are not limited to, laptop computer and software, hand drawing and modeling equipment, and materials. More information on the Student Computer Policy is available at <http://soa.utexas.edu/>.

## Academic Standards

To progress in all degree programs offered by the School of Architecture and to qualify for graduation, a student must earn a grade of at least C in all architecture, interior design, and community and regional planning courses. In a case where a student earns a grade below C, the course may only be repeated once.

In the process of fulfilling the requirements for degrees in the School of Architecture, including the core curriculum, students must earn credit for one flag in cultural diversity in the United States, one flag in ethics, one flag in global cultures, one flag in independent inquiry, one flag in quantitative reasoning, and three flags in writing beyond Rhetoric and Writing 306 or its equivalent. Courses used to fulfill flag requirements may be used simultaneously to fulfill other degree requirements. Courses with flags are identified in the [Course Schedule](#). Students should consult with their academic advisor to determine how to fulfill flag requirements in the process of fulfilling other degree requirements.

## Honors

### University Honors

The designation University Honors, awarded at the end of each fall/spring semester, gives official recognition and commendation to students whose grades for the semester indicate distinguished academic accomplishment. Both the quality and the quantity of work done are considered. Criteria for University Honors are given in the [General Information Catalog](#).

### Graduation with University Honors

Students who, upon graduation, have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement are eligible to graduate with University Honors. Criteria for graduation with University Honors are given in the [General Information Catalog](#).

## School of Architecture Recognition Awards

Award	Alpha Rho Chi Medal
Donor	Alpha Rho Chi, professional architectural fraternity
Eligibility	Graduating student who has shown an ability for leadership, has performed willing service to the school, and gives promise of professional merit through attitude and personality.
Award	AIA Medal for Academic Excellence
Donor	American Institute of Architects
Eligibility	Graduating student, in recognition of scholastic achievement, character, and promise of professional ability.

Award	Boone Powell Family Prize in Urban Design
Donor	Boone Powell, Leilah Powell, and the Catherine H. Powell Family Trust
Eligibility	Non-graduating undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in architecture or planning from The University of Texas at Austin; based on merit in urban design.

Award	The Oglesby Prize
Donor	Oglesby Family
Eligibility	Students graduating from The University of Texas at Austin with either a Bachelor of Architecture or Master of Architecture; based on merit in architectural design.