

College of Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs

Vision

In CAPPA, we work with our hands, heads, and hearts to change the world one place at a time.

Mission and Philosophy

The College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs (CAPPA) interweaves the unique gifts and expertise of each person and profession to co-create urban, ecological, and social fabrics that unleash the inherent potential of places and communities in the DFW region and beyond.

A New Era Begins

In 2015, The University of Texas at Arlington's School of Architecture and School of Urban and Public Affairs combined to form the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs. The integration of the two schools strengthened the academic, research, and outreach opportunities available for students and faculty at UTA.

CAPPA offers degrees in architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, sustainable urban design, urban planning, public administration, and public policy. The college also hosts the David Dillon Center for Texas Architecture, Digital Architectural Research Consortium, and Institute of Urban Studies (<http://www.uta.edu/ius/>), and partners with the City of Arlington on the Arlington Urban Design Center located at City Hall.

Accreditations

CAPPA offers the Master of Architecture (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/cappa/academics/architecture/m-architecture/>) and the Master of Landscape Architecture (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/cappa/academics/landscape-architecture/m-landscape/>) as first professional degrees in the respective programs. The former is accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB) and the latter by the Landscape Architecture Accrediting Board (LAAB). The Bachelor of Science in Interior Design (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/cappa/academics/architecture/bs-interior-design/>) is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). The Master of Public Administration (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/cappa/academics/public-affairs-planning/m-public-administration/>) degree is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) and the Master of City and Regional Planning (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/cappa/academics/public-affairs-planning/m-city-regional-planning/>) is accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB).

Undergraduate Degrees

- Bachelor of Science in Architecture
- Bachelor of Science in Interior Design
- Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Urban Design

Graduate Degrees

- Master of Architecture
- Master of City and Regional Planning
- Master of Landscape Architecture
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Policy, MA
- Master of Sustainable Building Technology, MS
- Ph.D. in Public and Urban Administration
- Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Public Policy

Graduate Certificates

- Development Review
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- Urban Nonprofit Management
- Transportation Planning and Policy

Undergraduate Minors

- Architectural History
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies
- Urban and Public Affairs

Scholastic Activity and Research Interests of the Faculty

CAPPA faculty are actively engaged in research and community service projects that benefit local jurisdictions, public and nonprofit agencies with expertise that is beyond the normal scope of their particular services and resources. Typical projects include revitalization studies for inner-city neighborhoods, development plans for central business districts, economic development strategies for municipalities, inter-local contracting studies, and assessments of service delivery alternatives in communities and school districts.

The broad range of faculty research interests primarily focuses on local issues and provides support for local officials and urban professionals, but it also includes basic research into urban problems and public policy that is published in national journals and used in university texts. Research topics include such planning issues as urban design, land use analysis, environmental planning, economic development, community service and development, focus group research and group facilitation; such public administration issues as public management, intergovernmental relations, entrepreneurship in government, education and economic development; and such urban affairs issues as urban theory, development, management, politics, social welfare policy, social service administration and minority relations.

Institute of Urban Studies

The Institute of Urban Studies (<http://www.uta.edu/ius/>) was established in 1967 by an act of the Texas Legislature. The institute's mandate was to offer Texas city and county governments and other public agencies high-caliber, university-based research, training and other technical services. In 1992, after significant expansion of its staff and programs, the School of Urban and Public Affairs was created. The Institute of Urban Studies continues to operate as a vital research and outreach arm of the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs.

The Institute is the state's only university-based center for applied research and service in urban affairs. It is called upon routinely to study and recommend solutions for problems confronting government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private industry.

During its more than 40 years of existence, the Institute of Urban Studies has conducted hundreds of studies on such topics as transportation, housing, local economic development, public safety, corrections, education, human services, child care and regional governance. These reports are included in the collections of virtually every major library in Texas and have been adopted as texts at many colleges and universities.

Students are offered a wide array of opportunities for projects, internships and employment. CAPPA faculty, staff and students work on "real-life" urban and public affairs projects in cooperation with city governments, public agencies and nonprofit organizations.