Urban Design, MUD

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MUD Urban Design

The MUD is a transdisciplinary postprofessional graduate program in The Design School. Students study newly emerging research and applied practices from the disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture, ecology, law, civil engineering, planning, public programs, systems theory and real estate development.

The curriculum is built around the analysis and understanding of contemporary urban conditions specific to rapidly urbanizing and arid regions of the world. The program leverages a number of local factors --- the rapidly expanding Phoenix metropolis, the arid climate, and the area's cultural diversity --- in the development of responsible global initiatives and innovative design strategies for urban environments.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

45 credit hours and a thesis, or
45 credit hours including the required applied project course (MUD 593), or
45 credit hours including the required capstone course (MUD 622)

Students should see the academic unit for the course list.
Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. portfolio
4. letter of intent
5. three references
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English is required to submit proof of English Proficiency through either the TOEFL or the IELTS. The minimum score for admission to the program is 80 (internet-based) or 550 (paper-based) on the TOEFL or an overall band score of 6.5 on the IELTS. Other information for international applicants can be found at https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency.

Applicants who hold a studio-based four-year undergraduate design degree will be considered for the two-year MUD program. The Master of Urban Design is a postprofessional program.

Applicants must hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from a college or university recognized by ASU in a studio-based design discipline.

The portfolio, letter of intent and contact information for three references need to be submitted to SlideRoom (https://asudesign.slideroom.com). The Design School requires that these be submitted in addition to the graduate admission application requirements.

Admission to the program is selective. Admission cannot be deferred; students must enroll in the semester for which they are admitted, otherwise they will need to go through the entire application process again for the year in which they are applying.
Applicants may be admitted to the two-year program with deficiencies if their previous coursework is not equivalent to the ASU undergraduate requirements and standards. Deficiencies must be completed prior to taking the required courses, if necessary. This may cause the student to take longer than two years to complete the program.

A personal interview is not required; however, a candidate wishing to visit the school is welcome, and the candidate should make arrangements by contacting the department.

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