Students are required to enroll in the Honors College Program and complete the Honors activity of HON 222 every semester while in attendance. The Honors College Program offers GPPA students intellectual challenges that will help them prepare for the rigors of graduate studies through focused individualized work on independent projects. Students must maintain a 3.40 grade point average in all major courses as well as their UIC curriculum grade point average. GPPA students must also complete all major courses in their curriculum and meet the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Architecture or the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design or Industrial Design. Students must complete their undergraduate degree programs within five years from the first term of official registration in the College of Architecture and the Arts to maintain eligibility in the Guaranteed Professional Program Admissions.

GPPA students will have a faculty advisor who will guide and prepare them for professional studies. Students will be required to meet with their faculty advisor every semester for professional mentoring, course selections, and evaluation of academic progress in their chosen area. This advising will be of particular importance in the preparation of a final portfolio at a high level of professional competence, which must be submitted and approved for admission to the Master of Architecture or Master of Fine Arts in Graphic or Industrial Design degree programs.

A statement of professional intent and three letters of recommendation are required for both the Master of Architecture and the Master of Fine Arts in Graphic or Industrial Design degree programs. Students in the Bachelor of Science in Architecture program will be required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) as part of their GPPA requirements for advancement to the Master of Architecture program. The GRE will be for the purpose of tracking and documentation for the School of Architecture. Students may request a deferral of one year for entry into the Master of Architecture or Master of Fine Arts in Graphic or Industrial Design programs through a written request approved by the School of Architecture or School of Art and Design.

Upon satisfactory completion of all program requirements, a seat will be reserved in the student’s program of choice at the Masters level.

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