

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE + PLANNING
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS 2025-26



ONLY ACCREDITED
SCHOOL FOR ARCHITECTURE,
PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE
IN NEW MEXICO

ONE OF ONLY 12 SCHOOLS
OF ITS KIND AT A
**CARNEGIE CATEGORY 1,
HIGH-INTENSITY RESEARCH,
HISPANIC-SERVING
PUBLIC INSTITUTION**

108,000 ft²
GEORGE PEARL HALL,
SA+P'S HOME, DESIGNED BY
INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED
NEW MEXICAN ARCHITECT
ANTOINE PREDOCK

121 **15**
GRADUATE **AVG STUDIO**
STUDENTS **CLASS SIZE**

\$6,475
IN-STATE GRADUATE
TUITION AND FEES
PER SEMESTER

\$70,000
SCHOLARSHIPS AND
AWARDS ANNUALLY

If you're looking for a comprehensive master's program in architecture, community and regional planning, or landscape architecture designed and taught by renowned faculty, UNM's School of Architecture + Planning is a great fit. You'll be a part of advancing design and planning by researching sustainable built environments, honoring cultural identities, and applying contemporary technology in the unique context of New Mexico.

New Mexico is a real-world design laboratory, so we draw inspiration from the region's diverse cultures, arid landscape, and historic routes like Route 66 and El Camino Real. Albuquerque/Santa Fe comprise the state's largest metro area of about 900,000, in a state also home to rural villages dating back centuries and 23 Native American communities.

Come see what we're doing—
or join us soon!

Robert
Alexander
González
SA+P Dean



MASTER'S PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

Master of Architecture

Duration: 2 to 3 years full time, depending on the bachelor's degree held

Eligibility: Options for students with or without pre-professional architecture degree

Accredited by: National Architectural Accrediting Board

Master of Community and Regional Planning

Duration: 2 years full time, with flexible options for part-time completion

Eligibility: Open to students with bachelor's degree in any field and have completed college-level statistics and economics classes

Accredited by: Planning Accreditation Board

Concentrations: 4 offered in Community Development, Indigenous Planning (one of the few schools with this emphasis), Natural Resources and Environmental Planning, and Physical Planning and Design

Master of Landscape Architecture

Duration: 2 to 3 years full time, depending on the bachelor's degree held

Eligibility: Open to students with bachelor's degree in any field

Accredited by: Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board

Master of Science in Architecture

Duration: 1.5 years full time

Eligibility: Open to students with bachelor's degree in any field

Focus Options: 2 offered in Historic Preservation and Regionalism (recognized by the National Council for Preservation Education) or Public Health and the Built Environment

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Master of Architecture

The Master of Architecture is a two- or three-year professional degree program, depending on your bachelor's degree. We accommodate students with degrees in any field—no previous architecture experience is needed. UNM is the flagship university in New Mexico, and SA+P is the only architecture school in the state holding NAAB accreditation.



We prepare future professionals who are also good citizens and productive community members. We do this through investigating critically the architectural systems and social forces that define sustainable built environments both locally and globally, while honoring the cultural identities of New Mexico's unique multicultural history and our students and faculty. We have a strong reputation for teaching and providing professional insight into the ways that history, culture, and the physical environment shape the region. These principles are infused in student learning, in the classroom, in design studios, and in field work.

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Master of Community and Regional Planning

The Master of Community and Regional Planning Program prepares you to plan and advocate with communities for sustainable futures in the Southwest and beyond. While we learn from the cultures and resources of the arid Southwest, our graduates work to effect change both within and beyond this region. This program can be completed full time in two years, but may be completed on a part-time basis to balance with professional responsibilities.

The MCRP Program is nationally accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board. Through small classes and direct interaction with instructors, we work collectively to honor traditions and cultures in the Southwest, convey complex information to non-specialists, and bring about transformational change. The program provides grounding in planning skills, methods, history, and theory to ensure success in professional practice.



Our academic approach is based on building problem solving skills in the context of understanding complex social, physical, and environmental problems and solutions.

Our greatest assets and achievements are the hundreds of graduates who are making their mark through their work in community-based organizations and NGOs, private firms, and all levels and types of governments and governance institutions. They are truly transforming their communities.

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Master of Landscape Architecture

The Master of Landscape Program is a two- or three-year professional program and is open to students with a bachelor's degree in any field.

More than the design of physical outdoor spaces, landscape architecture is a platform for the cross-pollination of ideas, a tool for positive social and environmental change, and a living narrative. Our program prepares students to think and act critically, develop curiosity and passion for living environments, and employ their professional skills to become future leaders in planetary health and socio-ecological resiliency.



Landscape architects engage with compelling issues in our built and natural environments in meaningful and beautiful ways. Every day this discipline forges new ground in understanding and designing complex relationships between natural, cultural, and technological systems.

At the SA+P, we pursue excellence in the study and design of landscapes from urban to rural, cultural to natural. We are privileged to operate in New Mexico, one of the most beautiful, naturally diverse and oldest human developed landscapes in the country. As the only nationally accredited landscape architecture program in the state, we value our role in training professionals to make places locally and globally that are responsive, resilient, and truly inspiring.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AT A GLANCE

Historic Preservation and Regionalism

Duration: 12 credit hours

Eligibility: Open to students with bachelor's degree in any field

Dual Degree Eligible

Indigenous Planning

Duration: 15 credit hours

Eligibility: Open to students with bachelor's degree in any field

Dual Degree Eligible

Urban Innovation

Duration: 18 credit hours

Eligibility: Open to students with bachelor's degree in any field

Dual Degree Eligible



GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Historic Preservation and Regionalism

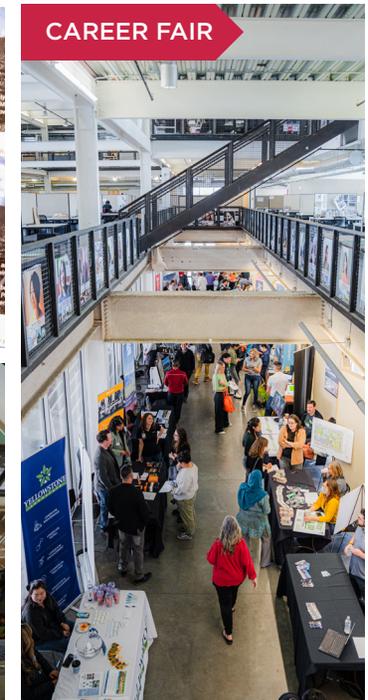
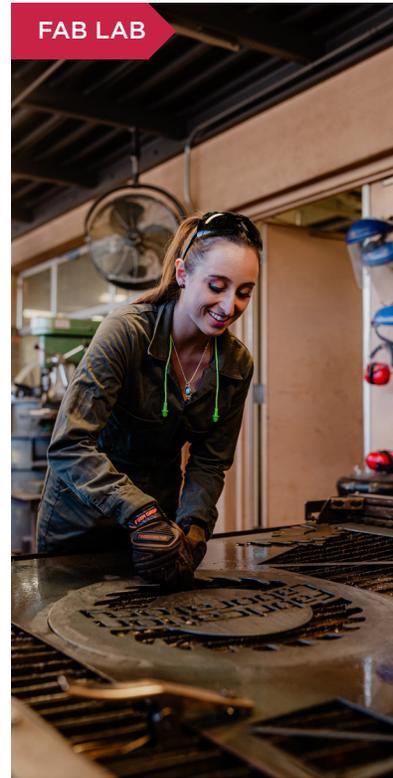
The Historic Preservation and Regionalism certificate is designed for students who want to contribute to the conservation of architectural and cultural heritage, and to the contemporary vitality of valued regional traditions. The program integrates proven historic preservation techniques with related planning and design approaches for cultivating local history and cultural distinctiveness. This program is open to UNM students pursuing a graduate degree in a related field, those who hold such a graduate degree, and those with a bachelor's degree and related experience.

Indigenous Planning

The Indigenous Planning certificate is for students who wish to work with Indigenous communities, in or alongside Native American lands, and with Indigenous nations. Indigenous planning is about strategically shaping the physical and social character of Indigenous communities by informing planning and community development to improve their economic and social viability. This certificate provides professional development for those in the field and promotes socially responsible practices that empower tribes to better manage and take control of planning, community development, and related processes.

Urban Innovation

The Urban Innovation certificate examines settlements from village to megalopolis and from street to planet-wide patterns to provide a foundation for students to engage in how to create sustainable and vibrant 21st-century cities. This program gives students the foundations to explore critical questions about, study examples of, and propose approaches to creating specific sites, neighborhoods, districts, towns, cities, and regions within a globalized world.



CAN YOU PICTURE YOURSELF HERE AT SA+P?

We offer hands-on and real-world learning programs and resources that operate collaboratively with our master's degree programs, giving our students distinctive experience, specializations, and opportunities.

Fab Lab

Our 3,600-square-foot Fabrication Laboratory is integral to student work and faculty research, supporting experimentation with materials and fabrication processes. The Fab Lab provides extensive hands-on machine instruction and resources for users to learn new fabrication techniques, digital fabrication software, 3D modeling programs, and digital and analog fabrication equipment. The Fab Lab is equipped with a state-of-the-art woodshop, metal shop and welding studio; CNC plasma cutter, CNC router, CO2 laser cutters, model shop, hand tools, workbench space, and computer workstations equipped with current design software and 3D modeling programs.



iD+Pi

Our Indigenous Design and Planning Institute engages faculty, students, professionals, and community leaders in culturally responsive practices. Tribes in New Mexico and the Southwest use our expertise and resources to support projects that include aspects of design and planning. Our goal is to foster sustainable communities among Indigenous populations—communities guided by principles of social justice and distinguished by healthy environments, strong local economies, and thriving cultures.

DPAC

Our Design and Planning Assistance Center began in 1969 as part of a national community design movement that linked university design programs and design practitioners with communities in need. Today, DPAC is the second oldest, continuously operating community design center based in a public university. Throughout its history, DPAC has served hundreds of communities of all sizes throughout New Mexico.





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