School of Architecture
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The School of Architecture at the University of Hawai‘i’s flagship Mānoa campus is among approximately 100 American schools with nationally accredited programs in architecture. It is known for its Asia-Pacific program focus and has an extensive professional network in this region of the world.

Educational Program
The School’s innovative and forward-thinking professional architecture doctorate (Arch.D.) program integrates professional practice and international experience with classroom curriculum. Graduates are competent practitioners especially equipped to meet the challenges of a global practice.

This unique 212-credit doctorate program allows students to qualify for double major baccalaureate degrees in arts and sciences. More important to the industry, it focuses on architectural practice, preparing talented students for leadership roles in the profession, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

Affiliation with the Asia Pacific Center for Architecture provides a commitment to the aggressive pursuit and the establishment of the knowledge base for the Asia-Pacific region and offers an arena to disseminate the accumulated knowledge base.

The practicum component provides students with experience in professional responsibilities and development of architecture leadership abilities under the guidance of a high-level principal practitioner in architectural offices within the United States or the Asia-Pacific region. It reflects core competency requirements for licensure as developed by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. The program requires up to seven years to complete, depending on prior university-level experience, but students receive a full year of professional practice credit toward licensure.

The Arch.D. program also allows students to participate in international studies at leading universities in the Asia-Pacific area. It promotes international contacts and networking opportunities, provides exposure to different cultures and societies and encourages design research on specific topics within a unique setting.

Research Facilities
The School of Architecture houses an extensive catalogue collection in the university’s graduate library, Hamilton Library, and a major collection of photographic slides in the architecture media facilities. Among the facilities are:

- Environmental Control Systems Laboratory, providing a setting for research on environmental design issues
- Construction Process Innovation Laboratory, operating as a center for research on construction process and methods
- Heritage Center, offering research opportunities and experience on historic preservation
- Geo Lab Hawai‘i Hillside Design Laboratory, to explore and collect data of building design on sloping sites

Notable Activities
The School hosts a biennial International Symposium on Asia Pacific Architecture which brings together the largest group of architects, planners, and related professionals for an international meeting of this type in the United States. This meeting is usually held in April and is known internationally.

Prominent Faculty
The School has five faculty members who have the title Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA) and who have made notable contributions to the advancement of the profession. This is the largest group of fellows on the faculty of a school in the country. The faculty is professionally active and internationally known particularly in areas of design, project planning, and historic preservation.

The School has a very distinguished group of adjunct international faculty, many of whom are principals of well-known international firms. Some are also Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

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