CAREER ROADMAP: Design & Construction

Description of Field:
Design, construction, planning and architecture are vibrant fields with careers for entry level and advanced degree holders. This field has opportunities in a variety of environments including private firms, governmental agencies and non-profit business.

General Skills:
Design and construction may require a variety of specific and transferable skills. Sample skills can include: critical thinking, analytical skills, communication and interpersonal skills and problem solving skills.

Insider Advice:
Advanced positions in architecture and planning fields require advanced degrees. UF offers options for students to transfer into some programs at the undergraduate level. Additionally, many undergraduate majors allow students to enroll in graduate programs to complete their education. Explore flexible interdisciplinary programs such as the sustainably and the environment major and the urban planning minor. Gain experience volunteering, shadowing and interning. Explore opportunities early through local professional organizations and your network.

Learn about Yourself & Career Options

What Can I Do With This Major:
Architecture, Interior Design, Urban Studies, Environmental Studies, Architecture and Planning Careers, Construction Careers

Sample UF Majors:

Career Planning:
Our Career Planning staff can help you explore interesting major/career options, prepare for and start an internship/job search. Log in to view the ways we can help!

Build Experience

UF Organizations:
AIA Students, Studio Culture Committee, DCP Ambassadors
Visit Student Activities & Involvement for Additional Opportunities

Professional Organizations:
National Assoc. of Women in Construction, American Institute of Architecture Students

Sample Local Opportunities:
AIA Gainesville, Builders Association of North Central Florida, Gainesville Planning Department, Gainesville Society of the Archaeological Institute of America

Prepare for Your Next Step

Sample Job Titles:
Design-Build Project Manager, Senior Interior Designer/Project Manager, Construction Services Specialist, Landscape Architect, Engineered Wood Product Designer, Construction Project Manager, Design Supervisor

Search for Internships & Jobs:
Construction Jobs, Design and Construction Jobs, Architecture Jobs, Senior Interior Design/Project Manager

Sample Employers Recruiting at UF:
ARCADIS, City of Gainesville, Flatiron Construction, M.J. Harris Construction Services, Meadors Construction Group, PCL Civil Constructors, Robins & Morton, United Excel

Log into Gator CareerLink to search for employers hiring UF students and additional resources