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Congratulations! You have been offered admission into Virginia Tech as a University Studies (US) major. You may take pride in this accomplishment, because admission to the university is competitive. While you may be disappointed that the Office of Undergraduate Admissions did not offer you admission into the School of Architecture + Design at this time, there are steps you can take to change your major and possibly transfer after your first year.

The opportunity to change majors from University Studies (US) to Architecture (ARCH), Interior Design (ITDS), Industrial Design (IDS), or Landscape Architecture (LAR) occurs every spring semester. It is highly competitive and available positions are very limited due to low attrition or change of majors as well as limited resources of faculty, space and support facilities. The process has several steps.

1. Fill out an application. After your first semester, if you are holding a minimum GPA of 2.5 and wish to be considered for transfer, you must fill out the application that is available on the first day of spring semester classes in January in the School of Architecture + Design. The application will also be available on our website at <http://www.dept.arch.vt.edu/>.

2. Applicants who meet the minimum GPA will advance to the next step—an interview. The Chair of the Foundation Program will meet with each applicant to determine if he or she will be allowed to enroll in the Summer Qualifying Design Lab (ARCH 2984). There are a very limited number of students selected each year due to overall limited resources of faculty, space and support facilities.

3. A limited number of students participate in the third and most critical step—ARCH 2984: Qualifying Design Lab. At the end of the two summer sessions, students must have an average GPA of 2.0 in ARCH 2984 to be accepted as architecture majors. Students with GPAs between 2.0 and 3.5 will begin as first-year students in the fall semester. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher may be placed as second-year students in the fall semester.

Non-majors are permitted to take some courses that are required for the majors (ARCH, ITDS, IDS, LAR) in the School of Architecture + Design. These should be taken in addition to Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. Be aware that class sizes are limited.

ITDS 1114: Design Appreciation

MATH 1535 and 1536: Geometry and Mathematics of Design

If you have questions regarding the internal transfer process, please review the School of Architecture + Design website at <http://archdesign.vt.edu/admissions/transfer> for further information.

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