UNDERGRADUATE PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS
August 22, 2012

A portfolio is required for enrollment in the five-year Master of Architecture major. Applicants sending an architecture portfolio will receive two separate admission decisions: one from the university and another from the School of Architecture. School of Architecture decisions are only sent to students who have already been admitted to Tulane.

Our guidelines for portfolio content are broad to accommodate the variety of our students' backgrounds. Please send 10-20 pieces representing the breadth of your design experience, whatever that may be, including a couple of examples of freehand drawing if possible. Those without experience in the traditional arts are still encouraged to apply. Part of the purpose of our first-year studio is to establish a common skillset among our diverse class, including teaching those students who do not already know how to draw. With that in mind, we have accepted portfolios consisting of everything from calligraphy to graffiti to original Lego designs to elaborate desserts. Please do not send architectural drafting exercises – we prefer to see your creativity rather than your drafting skills – though other architectural exercises, such as perspective drawings or models, are welcome. Please label each piece with a title if appropriate, information about the medium and size, and a brief explanation of the piece's context (if it was an assignment, what was the prompt? If it was self-driven, what was the goal?).

We accept both digital and hard copy submissions. If you have high-quality digital images, you can submit them for free online at https://tulanearchitecture.slideroom.com. If you prefer to send hard copies, they can be mailed or delivered in person to

Tulane School of Architecture  
Richardson Memorial Hall  
6823 St. Charles Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118

Hard copy portfolios can be presented in whatever form you feel best displays your work. Please do not send us originals, as portfolios will not be returned unless picked up in person in the School of Architecture after April 1st. And, though this has no impact on how we review your work, we also ask that applicants sending hard copy portfolios consider using recyclable materials.

We accept architecture portfolios until March 15th. However, we encourage you to submit as early as possible. No matter when you send your portfolio, you are guaranteed a decision from the School of Architecture by April 1st, although many decisions will be released earlier. All portfolios are reviewed by members of the architecture faculty, and if your admission decision for Tulane has not yet been made, their comments will be incorporated into your application and considered alongside the rest of your qualifications. A portfolio can only bolster your chances of admission to Tulane, never detract from them, so it is in your best interest to submit early. If you are considering applying for the Dean’s Honor Scholarship, you should submit your portfolio by the scholarship deadline of December 15th.