Tyler School of Art / Division of Architecture and Environmental Design

In December 2015, the Temple University Board of Trustees moved the Departments of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture and of Planning and Community Development along with the Center for Sustainable Communities to the Tyler School of Art. In 2016, the Board approved the creation of the Division of Architecture and Environmental Design as a part of Tyler.

The mission of the Division of Architecture and Environmental Design is the enhancement of the relationship between individuals, social patterns, and political systems and the natural, built, and cultural environments of contemporary life. The programs uphold the environmental traditions established by the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women and carried forward by our founding Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture, as well as a commitment to the present and future sustainability of neighborhoods, cities, and regions by our Department of Planning and Community Development. The Division’s core values are student-centered learning, community engagement, and environmental responsibility.

The Department of Architecture offers the Master of Architecture, a first professional degree program at the graduate level accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting Board. The department engages the city, exploring and addressing the ethical and social dimensions of architecture and the urban environment. Through this engagement, it seeks to develop an ethos of responsibility in students, preparing them to become effective leaders in practices and discourses surrounding the complex global and local issues of our time. The M.Arch. is housed in the LEED Silver certified (2014) Architecture Building on the Main campus of Temple University.

The Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture traces its origins to the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women, founded in 1911 at Ambler Campus. In Fall 2010, it added a Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.Arch.) degree. The department’s evolution has combined theory with practice, continuing the tradition of blending art and science with practical experience. Committed to excellence in ecologically based education, the department provides students with the knowledge and understanding of sustainable environments. Through an ecological approach to planning, design, development, and care of the land, the programs in Landscape Architecture and Horticulture promote the development of skills to improve the quality of urban, suburban, and rural communities. Courses and programs are offered that utilize the 187-acre Ambler campus as both an arboretum and a living laboratory for faculty and students. Students also have the opportunity to conduct research in a state-of-the-art greenhouse.

The Department of Planning and Community Development was established in 2002, originally as the Department of Community and Regional Planning. It prepares students to be skilled practitioners for the dynamic and growing fields of community development and community and regional planning. Accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board, the Master of Science in City and Regional Planning cultivates an understanding of the physical and economic context of planning, sensitivity to the social and environmental impact of public policies, and knowledge of governmental structures as they apply to planning. The M.S. degree program enables students to lead efforts to create and maintain healthy, sustainable communities by providing a broad-based understanding and awareness of multi-dimensional aspects of urban, suburban, and rural community challenges and the means of effecting change from both grass-roots and public policy perspectives. Students have the option of completing degree requirements at the Temple Center City Campus (TUCC) or the Ambler campus.

Programs

Degree Programs and Certificates

- Architecture, M.Arch. (http://bulletin.temple.edu/graduate/scd/tyler-div/architecture-march)
- City and Regional Planning, M.S. (http://bulletin.temple.edu/graduate/scd/tyler-div/city-regional-planning-ms)
- Landscape Architecture, M.L.Arch. (http://bulletin.temple.edu/graduate/scd/tyler-div/landscape-architecture-mlarch)
- Graduate Certificate: Sustainable Community Planning (http://bulletin.temple.edu/graduate/scd/tyler-div/sustainable-community-planning-certificate)
- Graduate Certificate: Transportation Planning (http://bulletin.temple.edu/graduate/scd/tyler-div/transportation-planning-certificate)