

## Top 15 Schools and Colleges of Architecture

Each year *DesignIntelligence* and Counsel House Research conduct a study in conjunction with the *Almanac of Architecture & Design* to determine the best schools and colleges for architecture in the United States. The study is based on the hiring experiences of leading architecture firms across the United States. Firms in each market sector—including commercial, health care, education, hospitality, residential, institutional, laboratory, sports facilities, and office buildings—and throughout all regions of the country were contacted. Respondents were asked to indicate which NAAB (National Architectural Accrediting Board) accredited programs (in the past five years) produced graduates most prepared for professional practice. The results of the fourth annual study are presented below with the schools ranked in the order of the most highly acclaimed (with last year's ranking in parenthesis).

This is currently the only such study of its kind and can be helpful to current and future architecture students when planning their educational path. However, it is recommended that students analyze schools from multiple perspectives. Depending upon a student's goals and interests, many other factors are relevant such as the program's job placement record, focus of study, faculty members' areas of specialization, availability and caliber of internship program, international study options, and specific course offerings, to name a few.

1. Harvard University (2)
2. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
3. University of Cincinnati (3)
4. Cornell University (1)
5. Yale University (10)
6. Kansas State University
6. University of Texas at Austin
8. University of Michigan (5)
8. University of Pennsylvania (15)
10. Auburn University
10. Columbia University (13)
10. Rice University
10. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (8)
14. Ball State University
14. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (12)
14. Texas A&M University (10)
14. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

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