

Toulouse National School of Architecture

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General information

Application deadline : January (contact the school for more information)

Tuition and fees (in 2008) :

Bachelor's : 210 €

Master's : 400 €

Post graduate : 342 €

Registration to the National Health Service is not included in the fees (195 € in 2008).

Accommodation : Accommodation cannot be provided

Setting : In the heart of Southern France, Toulouse "Ville rose" is the capital of the Midi-Pyrénées region and the 4th largest town in France. It is a pleasant student town with an intensive cultural life. The school is located south-west of Toulouse, close to the University Toulouse le Mirail, 20 minutes from the historic city center of Toulouse.

Student population : 725 students enrolled in initial training, 13 % foreign students

Faculty : 55 full time-teachers, 38 part-time lecturers

Student service : The students' association "Dedale" is involved in professional meetings, lectures, cultural activities, travels... The student's association "Dynameat" is involved in festive events.

Facilities:

Library (<http://www.toulouse.archi.fr/fr/fonctionnement/ressources/bibliotheque.html>)

Computer laboratories

Workshop areas

Image and digital data resource centre (<http://www.toulouse.archi.fr/fr/fonctionnement/ressources/cti.html>)

Cafeteria

Admission requirements : High school diploma (Baccalauréat) or equivalent qualification. Selection on dossier and interview. Admission of 120 students in the 1st year of architecture studies.

For master's degree : contact the school for more information

Language : The language of instruction is French

Networks : ENSA Toulouse forms part of a regional fabric of extremely active university and scientific organizations. In particular, it is an associate member of the research and higher learning centre PRES (Pole de Recherche et d'Enseignement Supérieur) of the University of Toulouse (www.univ-toulouse.fr) and a member of Toulouse Tech, the network of *Grandes Ecoles* in the Midi-Pyrénées Region.

School Profile

Since its introduction in 1726, architecture teaching in Toulouse has gone through various stages : it has been in succession a state-owned free school, a Royal Academy of drawing, painting and architecture, a School of arts and industry, a regional school depending on the Higher National School of Fine Arts (ENSBA) in Paris ; in 1968, it obtained some degree of autonomy by becoming a pedagogical unit of architecture (UPA) before gaining today's status as Toulouse national school of Architecture (ENSA Toulouse).

ENSA Toulouse has been situated in the heart of Toulouse's Mirail quarter, near the university, since 1970. The rapidly rising number of students made it necessary to extend the school with a new building in 1974.

The school is part of the network of French Public School of Architecture under the control of the Ministry of Culture and Communication- Department of Architecture and National heritage

Structure of the curriculum

Three years for the Bachelor's programme (6 semesters) , two years for the Master's programme (4 semesters) , and one more year to get the Certificate of professional practice in Architecture

The teaching offered is organized in five main spheres combining professional expertise and scientific knowledge:

Representation and space

Sustainable development

Heritage; metamorphoses

Architecture, national and regional planning, society

Forms and uses

ENSA Toulouse boasts a very diversified initial and continuing education syllabus, research activities (certified laboratories) and post-graduate degrees in partnership with French and foreign universities.

The development of international relations is one of the priority of the school facilitating students 'and teachers' mobility, conducting comparative assessments of teaching methods (workshops), setting-up international training courses and degrees, fostering scientific cooperation

ENSA's specificities :

- An introduction to research is available during initial training and leads to the State Diploma in Architecture with a Research speciality

- Double qualification in architecture and engineering: in partnership with INSA, the National Institute for Applied Sciences in Toulouse. Introduced in 1996, this double training as an architect-engineer or engineer-architect gives students of ENSA and INSA the opportunity to follow courses in both establishments from the third year onwards. The two qualifications are obtained in 5 years for the first degree, followed by two additional years for the second (duration equivalent to one Bachelor's and two Master's degrees).

Degree Programme

- Bachelor of Science, 3-year programme :

Bachelor of Architecture

Title: "Diplôme d'études en architecture"

- Master programme, 2-year programme :

- Master of Architecture

Title : " Diplôme d'état d'architecte"

- Master degree "Ambient-environment and comfort for architecture and urbanism" in partnership with the University of Bordeaux (<http://www.bordeaux.archi.fr/dess/acau/>)

- One additional year programme : Certificate of Professional Practice in Architecture

Title : « Habilitation de l'architecte diplômé d'Etat à l'exercice de la maîtrise d'œuvre en son nom propre »

- **Post-graduate : DPEA** (Diplôme propre aux écoles d'architecture)

- DPEA Cycle of European post-graduate studies in architecture and sustainable development in partnership with the Catholic University of Louvain and the Federal Polytechnic School of Lausanne

It recruits 25 architects with recognized professional experience (duration 2 years).

The course sessions take place alternately at two of the three organizing institutions (in 2008-2009: Lausanne and Toulouse). The study cycle is an in-depth exploration of architectural theories and practice, climate, energy, and the natural and urban environment in the framework of sustainable development.

(http://www.toulouse.archi.fr/fr/missions/formation_post_master/post_grade_europeen.html)

- DPEA Urban project, heritage and sustainable development (South-East Asia) in partnership with the University of Architecture of Hanoi (Vietnam)

It recruits 20 students holding the State Diploma in Architecture, an engineering degree, or a Master's degree in town planning (duration 2 years).

The objective of this specialization is to train French and Vietnamese participants to become city professionals competent in urban analysis, from diagnosis to management of the urban project, in the conditions of strongly developing Asian cities and from the perspective of sustainable development and heritage.

(http://www.toulouse.archi.fr/fr/missions/formation_post_master/dpea.html)

- **PhD studies in Architecture**

ENSA Toulouse is associated with the Times, Spaces, Societies, Cultures (TESC) doctoral school of the University of Toulouse-le Mirail. It enrolls research students preparing a doctorate in architecture and supervises them in its laboratories. ENSA and the university of Toulouse-le Mirail thus grant a joint PhD in architecture.

- **Preparation for the examination to qualify as a state-registered architect and town planner (AUE)**

Twelve candidates holding the state architect's diploma are recruited – duration 30 weeks.

Sessions take place every Monday from October onwards. The course is composed of 70 hours of theoretical classes on architectural culture (history, building analysis), urban culture and town planning law, and one Saturday per month is devoted to tests with a time limit. Two full mock examinations are held. Further preparation for the oral examination is reserved for those having obtained sufficient marks in the written papers.

Research Programme

The research units are grouped together in the Architectural Research Laboratory (**LRA**), which covers 4 major themes: Design methods and process, Heritage and archaeology, Town production and professions, and Environment and landscape.

Research group on Environment, architectural and urban design (LRA-Grecau)

Quality of the environment and urban renewal,
Atmosphere and comfort in built spaces
Concepts and methods for projects.

Laboratory of information technology applied to architecture (LRA-Li2a)

Design, representation and didactics
Representation of built spaces
Cognitive approach to architectural design
Areas in the contemporary landscape.

Models and simulations for architecture, town-planning and landscape (LRA-Map-Asm, UMR CNRS/MCC MAP)

Anthropology of architecture, habitat and landscape
Representation of space
Landscape restructuring of peri-urban areas
Architectural and landscape simulation and modelling
Environment and sustainable development.

Professions in history of architecture. Archaeology of building heritage (LRA-Mha-Apb)

Elaboration and transformation of habitat in antiquity
History of space data acquisition and plotting of building documentary evidence
Crossing of historical strata by modern thinking

Profession architect, city and environment (LRA Pavé)

Professions of the living environment: competences, mechanisms, identities, dynamics
Urban project spaces and global/local problems
Habitat: practices and modes of production.