

Studio 804

Comprehensive Studio
The University of Kansas
August 2012 - May 2013
Accepting Applications October 2011

Our design/build experience is looking for the best individuals to participate with next year's project! We strive to have a diverse participant group with varied backgrounds and skills which can lead to an even more enriching experience.



Eligibility Any Masters of Architecture student in a studio based program entering their degree's final year of study in the United States, or comparable degree at a foreign institution.

Any individual currently holding a professional Bachelors of Architecture, seeking a professional Masters of Architecture degree.

Studio 804 does not discriminate due to age, race, gender, or nationality.

Requirements Students interested in participating in Studio 804 must apply to the University of Kansas. Transfer to the University of Kansas is not required. Upon acceptance, students will be allowed enrollment into Studio 804. Please see the Degree Application Chart for the program application that best suits you.

International students should inquire with the United States government regarding VISA regulations pertaining to their home country. We are willing to help with your VISA application.

Academic Credit The Studio 804 experience is extremely demanding. Students work 6 days a week to accomplish the goals of the studio. Outside employment is not allowed during the project, no holidays are given during the spring semester, but more importantly, students may not be taking classes other than Studio 804 during the spring semester. With that in mind, Studio 804 is worth up to a total of twenty one (21) credits, as described below.

Studio 804 is a 2 semester studio course, each semester worth six (6) studio credits. Completion of this studio also qualifies participants for three (3) hours in Professional Practice, three (3) fall elective credits, and three (3) spring elective credits, for a total of twenty one credits spanning 2 semesters. Successful transfer of credits back to each student's home University is entirely dependent on the home University's decision, not the University of Kansas School of Architecture, Design and Planning.

Fall

Professional Option	6	(Studio 804)
Architectural Elective	3	(directed readings)

Spring

Professional Option	6	(Studio 804)
Architectural Elective	3	(directed readings)
Professional Practice	3	(core credits)

*Full time enrollment for graduate students at KU is 9 credit hours.

Program Cost The tuition per credit hour for the University of Kansas is as follows:

Graduate tuition	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
<i>Resident</i>	\$313.80	TBD
<i>Non-Resident</i>	\$734.10	TBD
Architecture fees		
<i>All Students</i>	\$40.50	\$40.50
Campus Fees (Annual)		
<i>All Students</i>	\$858.00	TBD

This amount **only** covers tuition payable to the University of Kansas, and **does not include** some personal construction hand tools, computer needs, living expenses, transportation, room and board or insurance.

How the program operates

Each academic year, the students enrolled in Studio 804 completely design and build a full scale project, normally a single family residence, during the fall and spring semesters. The project is chosen by the students, and the entire project is a group effort, rooted in a democratic process. At the beginning of the program, students identify areas of interest in which they would like responsibility for the duration of the project. The entire group meets every day to present research, designs and proposals on those interests in an effort to come to an informed consensus on design.

Students are responsible for every aspect of the process. These duties include, but are not limited to, site selection and acquisition, maintaining a budget, codes, materials specifications, donations, MEP, structural calculations, construction documentation, construction, sustainability, public relations, etc.

A rewarding experience

This is a rigorous program with huge time and energy commitments. Participants make many sacrifices to accomplish the goals of the program within the 2 semester time frame. These efforts are equally rewarded, both personally and professionally.

For many students, this is the first physical realization of a design and also an opportunity to give back to a community in need. These projects take on issues that are important to both students and the architecture profession, such as affordable housing, accessibility, community redevelopment and sustainability. It is an opportunity to see the power architecture has to directly benefit people and communities in need.

For the last 11 consecutive years, the completed projects of Studio 804 have each won at least three international and professional awards. These awards have included three American Institute of Architect's Honor Awards, two Wood Design Awards, along with Steel Design, Global Housing, Sustainable Design, National Affordable Housing, the NCARB Prize, two time winner of Architecture Magazine's "Home of the Year" and Residential Architect's "Project of the Year." Each project is widely published in books and magazines across the globe, including Architectural Record, Metropolis, Mark Magazine, Dwell, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, ecostructure, Residential Architect, Abstract, and the Journal of Architectural Education. The collective work of Studio 804 has been included in many exhibits, recently including the 2008 Venice Architecture Biennale. The students of Studio 804 were the first, including professionals, to complete a LEED Platinum building in the state of Kansas. They continue to work toward this standard of sustainability in architectural design.
