TOP TEN REASONS TO CONSIDER THE College of Architecture

1. The College of Architecture boasts five divisions, each with a focus on collaboration. Students are encouraged through their courses to interact with other students in different disciplines to get a well-rounded educational experience.

2. Students and faculty regularly give back to local and international communities through meaningful work and service-learning projects. Study abroad is highly encouraged, and opportunities have been offered everywhere from Zambia to Rome. One of our programs even takes students to Dubai to explore building design and construction in a place known for its iconic and lavish buildings.

3. College faculty, including Hans Butzer, designer of the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Skydance Bridge, bring ‘real world’ experience to the classroom to enrich student learning. Butzer also received the 2016 American Institute of Architects’ Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture, an award that recognizes excellence in architectural advocacy and achievement.

4. Each division offers a multitude of scholarships. During the 2014-15 school year, more than $150,000 in scholarships were gifted to students.

5. In fall 2015, the College opened the Community Design Center in downtown Oklahoma City. This urban studio facility brings together students, faculty and the local community and allows students the opportunity to improve the quality of life in OKC by developing affordable housing solutions.

6. Students have opportunities to interact with industry professionals through guest lectures, field trips, project critiques, mentor lunches, internships, and internship and career fairs.

7. Gould Hall features interactive and collaborative learning spaces like a Super Studio, complete with a Mediascape that allows up to six students to share their work with professors on two 40-inch plasma screens; and the Learn Lab, a classroom space without a typical “front of the room”, and a ceiling-view camera that can zoom in on documents and objects and then display it on one of three projector screens. OU is the only design school in the country to have two Learn Labs.

8. Students also have access to the Creating-Making Lab, located just a few blocks from campus. In addition to three bays of wood working area, the lab has a metal shop, laser cutters, plastics room, paint booth, and photo documentation room.

9. Faculty and students of the Construction Science division have brought home 14 national awards, 83 regional awards, and one international award. Most recently, a team of Construction Science and Architecture students on the OU Design-Build Team won first place overall at the Associated Schools of Construction Region 5 Student Competition in Dallas in February 2016.

10. With under 200 undergraduate students, you become part of a close-knit community in our college and can enjoy the resources of a large university. We value and keep a tradition of fostering your individual creativity and creating through digital and traditional means.