USF School of Architecture & Community Design / SACD

Curricular Assessment & Development

Instruments of Assessment

Admissions
Portfolio Reviews: Core & Advanced – scoring and discussion of strengths and weaknesses
Open House Exhibit and faculty walk-through/discussion of work (Fall and Spring)
Garcia Award Exhibit: four year curricular overview
Core Exhibit (Fall and Spring mid-point exhibit of projects; discussion of progress)

Master's Project Reviews: with external critics from the profession and academia
Studio Reviews: mid-term and final reviews with guest critics
Studio Coordination
Curriculum Committee / Faculty of the Whole
Faculty Meetings

USF System for Assessment Management (SAM): academic reporting to the Florida BOG

The SACD engages in program self-assessment in manifold manners as described herein:
University: through SACS Accreditation / Assessment for both the academic program (M. Arch degree) and Research Institute (Florida Center for Community Design & Research).

Curricular Assessment
- Portfolio Reviews: 1. Program admission; 2. Core Design; 3. Advanced Design
- Open House Exhibits and faculty studio discussions
- Faculty Meeting and curricular discussions
- Awards
- Exhibits: studios and seminars/workshops
- Garcia Award Exhibit

Program Assessment/Strategic Planning
Faculty with input from profession, colleagues and student organizations/studio representatives
- Technology
- Future Growth & Needs
- Diversity
- Resources
- Facility
- Faculty research/support

Peer Assessment
- Annual Peer Review process: tenured faculty review annual activity reports of all full-time faculty.
- Studio Reviews: all faculty participate in design studio reviews

- Mid-Tenure and Tenure & Promotion Process at School, College and University levels.

Student Assessment of Teaching
- Faculty Evaluations: USF Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ATLE): eXplorance Blue evaluation system

External Assessment
- External Organizations: AIA Tampa Bay; Florida AIA; ACSA; NCARB; Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design, NAAB
- External Reviewers for Design Studio Presentations (regional practitioners)
- External Reviewers for Master's Project Reviews (professional and academic)
- Alumni
- USF – SACS/COC Accreditation/Assessment

University Assessment
- Faculty Senate
- Graduate Council
- Undergraduate Council
- Dean's Council