Overview
Discover Architecture introduces high school students and beginning college students how architecture shapes a sustainable built environment through hands-on studio exercises in drawing, graphics, and modeling. During the two-week program, students explore the architectural design process and learn how architects, as creative professionals, must be environmentally responsible designers.

This is a great opportunity for students to experience and reinforce design principles taught during the two-week program. Students who participate in Discover Architecture experience a university atmosphere complete with campus living, faculty lectures, and studio work.

“I really gained a strong understanding of the field of architecture and what it means to be an architect. A great experience all around!”
Student (2015)

Program
Discover Architecture is a rigorous and involved program, and it requires students to engage in a mature and informed way. Instruction, lectures, and films led by faculty are scheduled all day, and the evenings offer opportunities to explore the campus and recreation facilities with fellow students. Throughout the two-week session, students engage in a series of exercises including drafting, modeling, composition, computer modeling, design, and presentation which lead to a comprehensive architectural design project. Students work with faculty, teaching assistants, and each other in one-on-one and group critiques to discuss and improve upon their individual designs.

“The best part of the program was finally putting everything together in the last few days and being able to see my accomplishments. I was excited and proud to bring my parents to the final gallery of our work.”
Student (2015)

The School of Architecture
The School of Architecture at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign was established in 1869, making it the second-oldest architecture program in the United States. Since its beginning, the School of Architecture has been a national and international leader in architectural education.

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