

# FACULDADE DE ARQUITETURA E URBANISMO (FAU)

*School of Architecture and Urbanism*

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## History

The School of Architecture and Urbanism (FAU) was founded in 1948 and evolved from the former Architecture and Engineering Course at the University's School of Engineering. During the School's early years the technical aspects of the former course remained largely the same, but were gradually enhanced by the curriculum of the National School of Fine Arts. The technical courses were given by engineers, whereas artists became responsible for the so-called "artistic courses". The curriculum reform of 1962, in which professors Vilanova Artigas, Carlos Milan, Lourival Gomes Machado and others actively participated, set down the bases for the educational structure that now applies at FAU's three departments: Project, History of Architecture, and Technology of Architecture. This recognition of architecture as a multiple intellectual space for arts, humanities and technology allowed the School to focus especially on important themes related to the functions of a professional architect without losing sight of the importance of a broad and variegated formation.

As of 2006, besides the existing course in Architecture and Urbanism, the School began offering an additional undergraduate course, namely, the course in Design. It operates under the same intellectual spirit as that of architecture and deals with emerging questions in contemporary society. The most important questions are those related to the demand for interactivity and digital and electronic platforms, and the need to fulfill the demands of different segments in society. For this to happen,

it was necessary to enlist fundamental backing from three of USP's most renowned schools, the School of Engineering, the School of Communications and Arts, and the School of Economics, Business and Accounting. The course in Design offers a unique array of disciplines, with the main professional focus being product design and visual design.

## Undergraduate Programs

- Architecture and Urbanism
- Design

## Graduate Programs (MSc and PhD)

- Technology of Architecture
- History and Fundamentals of Architecture and Urbanism
- Design and Architecture
- Landscape and Environment
- Project, Space and Culture
- Habitat
- Architectural Project
- Urban and Regional Planning

## Research at FAU

The outstanding characteristics of research carried out at FAU is its central concern with Brazil's urban and social structure, in conjunction with the importance of this field worldwide. The need to carry forward concrete proposals of action in these areas shows that the distance between research and professional activities is very short.

## Research and Laboratory Centers

- NAP-PLAC – Research Support Center - Production and Language of Built Environments
- NUTAU – Research Center for Architectural Technology and Urbanism
- INFURB – Center for Urban Information Research
- LABSUS – Laboratory on Sustainable Buildings
- LABAUT – Laboratory on Environmental Comfort and Energy Efficiency
- LUME – Laboratory on Urbanism in Large Cities
- LABFAU – Laboratory in the Fundamentals of Architecture and Urbanism
- LABTRI – Laboratory on Three-dimensional Models
- LABARQ – Laboratory on Informatization of Archives
- LAP – Laboratory on Studies on Urbanism, Architecture and Conservation
- QUAPA – Studies on Landscaping in Brazil
- LABCIDADE – Laboratory on Public Space and Rights to the City
- LABCOM – Laboratory on Commerce and the City
- LABDESIGN – Laboratory on Product Designing and Built Environments
- LABHAB – Laboratory on Housing and Human Settlements
- LABIM – Laboratory on the Images of Urban Visual Communication
- LABINDUS – Laboratory on Industrialization
- LABNAV – Laboratory on Design and Technology of Vessels and their Operational Support Systems
- LABPARC – Laboratory on Landscape, Art and Culture
- LABPLAN – Laboratory on Urban and Regional Planning
- LABPROJ1 – Laboratory on Designing Built Spaces 1
- LABPROJ2 – Laboratory on Designing Built Spaces 2
- LABVERDE – Green Laboratory
- LABVISUAL – Visual Design Laboratory

