CED receives top national rankings

Athens, Ga. – The University of Georgia College of Environment and Design’s landscape architecture programs again received top national rankings. The bachelor’s program was ranked first in the nation, and the master’s program was ranked second in the 2009 edition of America’s Best Architecture & Design Schools.

This continues a history of high ratings for the programs, which have both placed in the top five for the past five years – as long as landscape architecture programs have been nationally ranked. This is the second time that the bachelor’s program has been ranked the best in the country.

Graduates of the College of Environment and Design also placed first in three of seven skill assessments considered in the ranking: sustainable design, security design and computer applications. CED graduates ranked second in two other assessments-analysis and planning and construction methods and materials.

Both the graduate and undergraduate programs offer Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification as part of the curriculum. Only 14 percent of the programs surveyed nationally can match that claim, putting the UGA programs on the cutting edge of sustainable design.

The America’s Best Architecture & Design Schools rankings are the design industry equivalent of the U.S. News and World Report college rankings. To produce the rankings, trade publication DesignIntelligence asks employers which schools’ recent graduates are best prepared to face the demands of the profession. This means that the high rankings will not only attract students to the college, but also serve as an endorsement for graduating students seeking employment.

UGA’s College of Environment and Design is the only college in the United States dedicated specifically to landscape architecture and historic preservation, and features the largest landscape architecture faculty anywhere.
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