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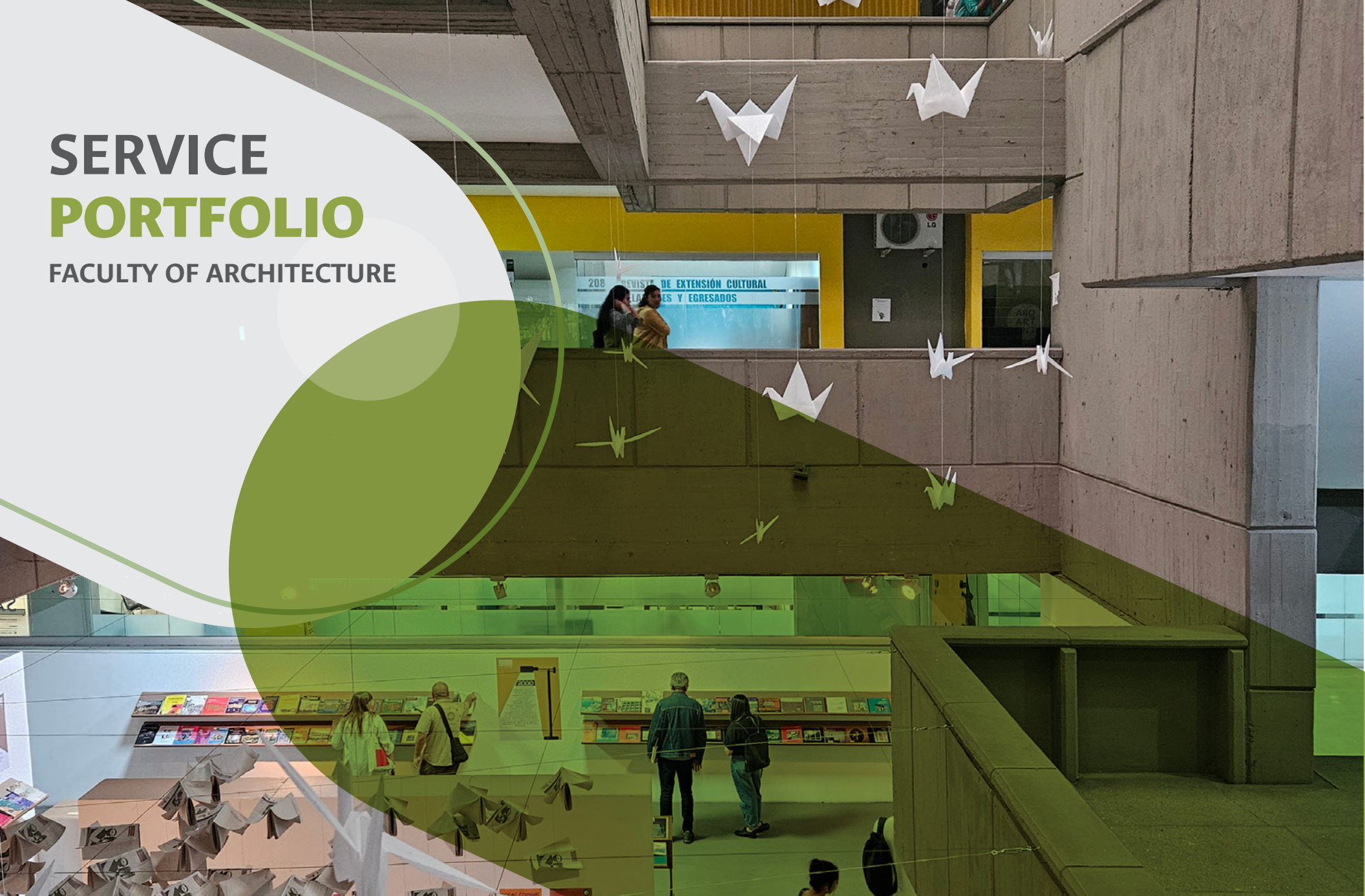




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KNOWLEDGE BRANDS

They synthesize the knowledge of the research groups of the Faculty of Architecture. These are capabilities oriented to solve problems and overcome challenges in order to improve the quality of life of Colombian communities.

Consolidation of these brands allows the University to have a closer relationship with society and stakeholders such as the public and private sectors, among others.

- Governance and public policy
- Sustainable rural development
- Inclusion and social construction
- Infrastructure
- Smart territories
- Heritage, culture and arts
- Environmental management
- Energy
- Productive sector and innovation
- Water



GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

Territorial management and
institutional framework

- Development plans and land-use planning.
- Assessment of the impact of governmental plans, programs and projects.
- Formulation and evaluation of public policy.
- Political and constitutional culture for participation.
- Selection of human resources.
- Organizational culture.
- Public habitat and housing policy.

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Brand: Governance and Public Policy

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SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Food security and social security

- Clean production systems.
- Sustainable rural development.
- Management of rural social capital.
- Community organization.
- Quality of life.



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INCLUSION AND SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION

Equity, rights, participation and
social innovation

- Serving vulnerable populations.
- Gender perspective.
- Promotion of community and productive organizations.
- Social diagnostics.
- Social impact.
- Human rights.
- Equity policies.
- Characterization of social actors in particular problems.
- Socio-demographic profiles.



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INFRASTRUCTURE

Design and engineering for economic and social development

- Hydraulic infrastructure.
- Materials science and technology.
- Design and construction audits.
- Design, architectural and engineering studies for public facilities and equipment.
- Architectural projects and coordination of technical studies.
- Housing architecture.
- Architectural reuse of structures and infrastructure.
- Site supervision of architectural projects.
- Infrastructure master plans.
- Urban projects.
- Building pathology studies.
- Bioclimatic structures and infrastructures.
- Risk management and mapping.



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SMART TERRITORIES

Inclusive, sustainable, safe, cultural
and innovative territory

- Urban and regional land-use plans.
- Utility network management.
- Integrated waste management.
- Urban mobility and traffic engineering.
- Environmental monitoring and management.
- Automation of urban process.
- Early threat detection.
- Knowledge districts.
- Smart city.
- Science and technology parks.
- Bioclimatic conditions in cities.



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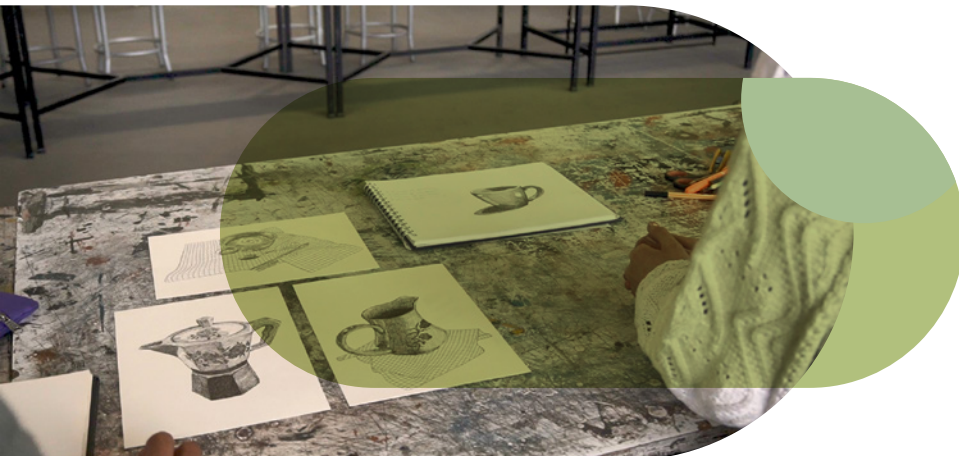
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HERITAGE, CULTURE AND ARTS

Management, identity and creation

- Tangible and intangible heritage.
- Social appropriation of knowledge.
- Citizen culture.
- Diagnosis and intervention of cultural heritage.
- Formulation and evaluation of cultural management projects.
- Image and artistic creation projects.
- Artistic and musical training projects.
- Historical, architectural and urban assessment.
- Cultural sociology.
- Curatorship and museography.



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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Climate monitoring and change

- Environmental diagnosis.
- Environmental information system.
- Environmental monitoring, control and follow-up.
- Scientific expeditions.
- Ecosystem change diagnostics and studies.
- Watershed management and planning.

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Brand: Environmental Management

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ENERGY

Communities, organizations,
competitiveness and development

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- Alternative and renewable energies.
- Energy sustainability.

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Brand: Energy

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WATER

Planning, management and development

- Land use plans for island and coastal cities.
- Marine and coastal industries.
- Marine and coastal territorial development.
- River industries (rivers, seas and oceans).
- River territorial development (rivers, seas and coasts).
- Autochthonous stilt-house architecture.
- Management plans around water bodies (dams, lakes and rivers).



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PRODUCTIVE SECTOR AND INNOVATION

Organizations, competitiveness
and development

- Sustainable regional and municipal productive projects.
- Design and development of new products.
- Operation simulation and modeling.
- Process automation.
- Productive innovation.
- Entrepreneurship.
- Social and productive innovation centers.
- Open innovation models.
- Entrepreneurship processes.

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LABORATORIES RELATED TO KNOWLEDGE BRANDS

For research, extension
and academic services

- Construction Laboratory.
- Laboratory of Representation Media (virtual production, graphing and FABLab).
- Laboratory of Bioclimatic Architecture.
- Laboratory of Arts (digital and documentary production, photography, graphic arts, sculpture, drawing and painting).



ALUMNI

RELATIONS OFFICE

Strengthening ties with alumni and generating spaces for their return, participation and recognition

ACADEMIC NETWORKS

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Scope: International



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Network of Latin American Architecture Schools and Faculties (REFAL)

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4

Colombian Association of Arts Faculties and Programs (ACOFARTES)

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Scope: National



SOCIAL APPROPRIATION OF KNOWLEDGE

EXHIBITION ROOM (SALA U) AND PUBLISHING CENTER

Dissemination, publication and
social appropriation of knowledge

- Curatorships.
- Art exhibitions.
- Local, regional, national and international events.
- Museographic design.
- Scientific and academic publications.
- Dissemination and marketing of publishing projects.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION, PRACTICUMS AND INTERNSHIPS

Courses and Diplomas:

- Open Offer (Courses and Diplomas open to the public on topics related to the knowledge brands).
- Closed Offer (Courses and Diplomas designed and offered to meet the needs of institutions, companies and/or associations that request them).

Practicums and Internships:

Practicum and internship students interact with companies from different economic sectors: artistic services, curatorship, construction, urban and regional architecture, among others. Local, national and international business and institutional internships are developed virtually and/or on site.

- Business and institutional internships
- International internships

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Specialization



Architecture

1. Real Estate Management
2. Urban Design
3. Urban and Regional Planning

Construction

1. Architectural inspection of projects and sites
2. Building Pathology

2

Master's degrees



Architecture

1. Architecture
2. Urban and Regional Studies

Construction

1. Construction
2. Habitat

Plastic Arts

1. Plastic and Visual Arts

3

Doctoral degree



Architecture

1. Doctoral degree in Urban and Territorial Studies



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