

Samuel Austin

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M.Arch student and interdisciplinary designer focused on creating thoughtful, technically sound spaces across housing, hospitality, civic, and urban environments.

EDUCATION

University of Kansas

June 2026 - May 2028

(GPA 3.58 / 4.00)

Master of Architecture – College of Architecture & Design

Certificate in Design Build Studies

University of Georgia

August 2022 - May 2026

(GPA 3.85/4.00) Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List, Presidential Scholar

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design with Emphasis in Contract Work- Franklin College of Arts & Sciences

Minor in Landscape Architecture – College of Environment & Design

Certificate in Arch-Ready Professional Development

RELEVANT SKILLS

- CAD, Revit, Rhino, Bluebeam, Enscape, 3DS Max
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Drawing, Painting, Hand Drafting, Watercolor
- Microsoft Office Suite

HONORS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of Interior Designers—Member 2023-Present
- LEED Green Accredited Professional 2025-Present
- Zell-Miller Scholarship 2022-2026
- Wesley Ministry Sideways Sunlight—Small group Leader & Mentor 2023-2025
- Fuller Family Arts Experiential Learning Award—Lamar Dodd School of Art Faculty Scholarship 2025
- Spark Award in Art and Student Support—Lamar Dodd School of Art Faculty Scholarship 2025
- 2024 Steelcase NEXT Office Design Competition—UGA Interior Design Cohort Winner 2024
- Valedictorian—Chapel Hill High School 2022

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

715 Restaurant & Bar — Italian Cuisine

July 2026 – Present

Bartender · Lawrence, KS

- Deliver high-quality guest experiences in a fast-paced downtown Lawrence restaurant and bar environment, balancing attentive service, product knowledge, and efficient bar operations.
- Craft and propose seasonal cocktail selections while continually developing mixology knowledge, recipe execution, and beverage presentation. Coordinate with management and front-of-house staff to support efficient service flow.
- Manage client disputes, compensation, and end-of-night cash handling and closing procedures.

University of Kansas — School of Architecture & Design

August 2026 – Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant · Lawrence, KS

- Evaluate student assignments, examinations, and design submissions using established rubrics and standards related to architectural representation, technical development, and course learning objectives.
- Host office hours to provide students with individualized assistance, clarify course requirements, and support academic progress.

- Coordinate with faculty and fellow graduate teaching assistants to maintain consistent grading practices, course expectations, and student communication.

University of Georgia — Office of University Architects & Space Planning **June 2025 – May 2026**
Interiors & Space Management Intern · Athens, GA

- Aided in concept design and execution for UGA initiatives—Tate Student Center, Miller Learning Center Creative Engagement Wing, UGA Medical School, First-Year Residence Hall, West Campus DLW Student Center—covering layouts, furniture, fixtures, and equipment.
- Coordinated with reps to track lead times/warranties/COM, and managed samples/quotes across projects.
- Supported compliance with UGA Standards, ADA, life safety, and State Minimum Standard Codes across interior packages (FF&E, finishes, signage).

The Expat — Italian Cuisine **July 2024 – June 2026**
Server & Bartender · Athens, GA

- Provided elevated hospitality guest experiences with attention to pacing and food & wine presentation.
- Served as shift manager, trained new FOH members, and handled client disputes, compensations, and payments.
- Prepared cocktails out of the bar well for the entire restaurant, maintained bar cleanliness, restocked, and organized throughout service. Gained experience preparing syrups, citrus, and other house-made bar ingredients.

University of Georgia —Lamar Dodd School of Art **August –December 2025**
Teaching Assistant, Interior Design Studio I · Athens, GA

- Lead weekly desk critiques and pin-ups for first-year students (cohort: 45–50 students) and coach concept development, iteration, and orthographic drawing craft.
- Grade quarterly tests and end-of-semester portfolio reviews; apply rubrics, record scores, and deliver written/face-to-face feedback to drive improvement.
- Instruct skill modules: hand-drafting fundamentals and basic design standards, codes, and regulations.

DreamBuilt Design & Construction **June – August 2024**
Design Intern · Reynolds Lake Oconee, GA

- Led casework detailing and finish coordination on a \$14M custom residence. This entailed monthly meetings with clients to review their specific aesthetic goals and physical needs.
- Coordinated with project managers and trade partners (millwork, stone, lighting, plumbing) on pricing, lead times, and installation sequencing for long-lead items.
- Coordinated permitting with local jurisdictions: assembled submittal packets (site plan, architectural set, existing permits), filed applications, and scheduled inspections. Validated compliance with applicable residential codes (IRC/IECC), setbacks, and HOA/ARB guidelines.

SAMET Corporation **May – August 2023**
Project Intern · Charlotte, NC

- Supported general contractor operations for South & Hollis—a 6-story, ~322,000-SF, 310-unit mixed-use community with ground-floor retail.
- Coordinated subs/site logistics, led safety orientations, and drove quality control/punch to keep floor-by-floor turnovers on schedule.

Austin Tennis Academy **August 2018 – May 2023**
Owner · West Atlanta, GA

- As a Top 25 tournament player in the state, I developed my own business coaching tennis in West Georgia.
- Grew via community outreach and social content while managing client scheduling, invoicing, and payments.
- Delivered group clinics, seasonal camps, and private lessons for ages 3–19; designed level-based training, progression plans, and tournament schedules.

- Hired additional coaches and built an online client scheduling system to manage peak-season volume.
- Served 200+ students with lower-cost solutions for disadvantaged youth due to low overhead facility costs.