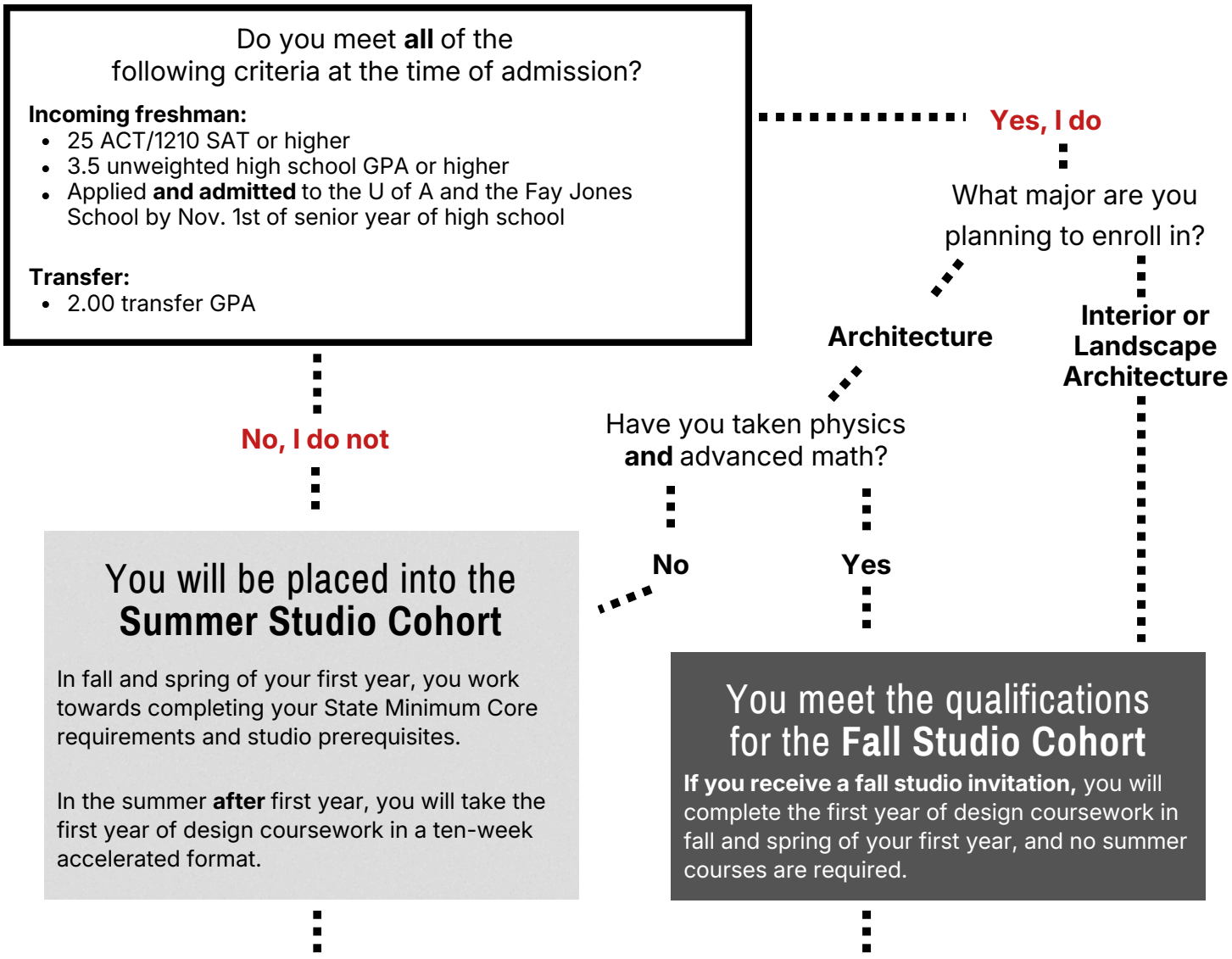
STUDIO COHORTS

The Fay Jones School professional programs are based around design studios, which are hands-on, project-based courses where students learn design fundamentals, then build on them to create their own unique design style using all the new tools at their disposal.

First year students have two paths for starting their design studio classes, either in the **fall and spring** of their first year or in the **summer** after first year. The Fall Studio Cohort has **limited capacity,** and we cannot guarantee that every student who meets the fall studio qualifications will get an invitation to studio. Students are placed into one of these cohorts based on their academic record coming into the program.

Please note: if you are a transfer student who is **not** transferring from an accredited design program into the Fay Jones School (see **Transfer Advising** handout), you will start as a first year design student regardless of your transfer credits. Transfer students can also choose to start in the Summer Studio Cohort, if they meet all requirements (see **Transfer Advising** handout).

Follow the chart below to figure out which design studio cohort you will be placed into.



Regardless of your first year cohort, all students who complete the first year of design coursework continue into second year fall courses together.

- Incoming freshmen who are invited to the Fall Studio Cohort will receive their **invitation via UARK email.** If you do not follow the instructions in the email, you will be moved automatically to the Summer Studio Cohort.
- **Test Optional Admission:** Please note that incoming freshmen have the ability to apply and be admitted as a Test Optional admit. If you choose this option and do not provide a test score, you will automatically be placed into the Summer Studio Cohort regardless of whether you later submit a qualifying test score.
- **Landscape Architecture** students do not have to meet these requirements to be placed in the fall studio cohort, as long as space allows.