Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Design

The Department of Architecture offers a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Architectural Design for students who are interested in the professional practice of architecture.

EXPLORING ARCHITECTURE AS A MAJOR

Students interested in architecture as a major should consider taking appropriate elective courses before their sophomore year. ARCH 100: Introduction to Architecture: is a summer career exploration studio and lecture course open to undergraduate and graduate students and serves as an excellent introduction to the major. College-level art, graphics, and design courses are good preparation for prerequisite classes ARCH 200, 201: Design and Representation I and II. ARCH 150, 151: Appreciation of Architecture I and II and ARCH 251: World Architecture: Non-Western Cultures can be taken in preparation for the prerequisite 300-level architectural history sequence.

DUAL DEGREE WITH CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

The department offers a 5-year dual BA in Architectural Design / BS in Construction Management with the Department of Construction Management; please see the sheet specific to the dual degree program for more information.

HONORS

High-performing students can achieve UW College Honors and/or Departmental Honors while pursuing the BA in Architectural Design. Each requires 9 credits of honors-specific courses.

UW COLLEGE HONORS

Students already enrolled in the university-wide College Honors Program can continue this in the department. Students must achieve a 3.6 gpa in their last two years to earn UW College Honors. (Diploma reads "with honors")

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Students with a minimum 3.3 UW gpa can apply to the Architecture Department Honors track. Students must achieve a 3.6 gpa in their Architecture coursework to earn Departmental Honors in Architecture. The adviser will guide students through their options once admitted to the program. (Diploma reads "with distinction")

To apply or for more information:
http://arch.be.washington.edu/programs-courses/ba-arch-design

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students are admitted to the major at the beginning of their junior year and must complete at least 90 credits by the autumn quarter of admission, including 70 credits of general education requirements, 19 credits of prerequisite ARCH courses, and 1 credit of electives.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

5cr   English Composition
65cr   Areas of Knowledge
    20cr   Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts (VLPA)
    20cr   Individuals and Societies (I&S)
    20cr   Natural World (NW)
          (including MATH 112, 124, 145, or Q SCI 291)
    5cr   Additional Areas of Knowledge

PREREQUISITE ARCH COURSES

5cr   ARCH 200: Design and Representation I   (au)
5cr   ARCH 201: Design and Representation II   (wi)
3cr   ARCH 350: Architecture of the Ancient World   (au)
3cr   ARCH 351: Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance   (wi)
3cr   ARCH 352: History of Modern Architecture   (sp)

Before graduation, students must complete one Diversity (D) course for at least 3 credits (this may also count toward any other requirement) and two Writing (W) and/or additional English composition courses for a total of at least 7 credits (these may also count toward any other requirement, except the 5 credits of English composition). Students should complete some of the W requirement prior to admission to the Architecture program. Students may not use ARCH courses to fulfill general education requirements, except ARCH 150, 151, and 251. Non-UW students may take courses through UW Outreach: www.outreach.washington.edu/nondegree/.

APPLICATION

Complete applications are due in March for entrance in autumn quarter of junior year. The application includes a portfolio, transcripts, a statement of intent, and a bio/resume.

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curriculum

YEAR 1

AUTUMN

Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts   (5)
English Composition   (5)
Calculus   (5)
15 CREDITS

WINTER

Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts   (5)
Natural World   (5)
Individuals and Societies   (5)
15 CREDITS

YEAR 2

AUTUMN

ARCH 350
Architecture of the Ancient World   (3)
ARCH 200
Design and Representation I   (5)
Individuals and Societies   (5)
Elective   (1)
14 CREDITS

WINTER

ARCH 351
Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance Arch (3)
ARCH 201
Design and Representation II   (5)
Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts   (5)
13 CREDITS

YEAR 3

AUTUMN

ARCH 300
Intro to Architectural Design I   (6)
ARCH 320
Introduction to Structures I   (3)
ARCH 315
Design Drawing III   (2)

WINTER

ARCH 301
Intro to Architectural Design II   (6)
ARCH 321
Introduction to Structures II   (3)
ARCH 380
Computers in Architecture   (3)

YEAR 4

CM 313
Const Materials and Assemblies   (4)
15 CREDITS

ARCH 400
Architectural Design IV   (6)
Upper Division Elective   (3)
Building Science/Materials Selective   (3)
Upper Division Elective   (3)
15 CREDITS

ARCH 362
Architecture and Theory (3)

15 CREDITS

ARCH 401
Architectural Design V (6)

History/Theory Selective
(3)

Upper Division Elective
(3)

Upper Division Elective
(3)

15 CREDITS

SPRING

Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts
(5)

Natural World
(5)

Individuals and Societies
(5)

15 CREDITS

ARCH 352
History of Modern Architecture (3)

Individuals and Societies
(5)

Natural World
(5)

Areas of Knowledge
(5)

18 CREDITS

ARCH 302
Intro to Architectural Design III (6)

ARCH 322
Introduction to Structures III (3)

ARCH 431
Environmental Control Principles (3)

Graphics Selective
(3)

15 CREDITS

ARCH 402
Architectural Design VI (6)

Upper Division Elective
(3)

Upper Division Elective
(3)

Upper Division Elective
(3)

15 CREDITS

Gray indicates courses that are taught only in particular quarters and must be taken in sequence. All other courses are offered in multiple quarters.