Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Design / Pre-professional

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 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AS A MAJOR

Students interested in Architectural Design 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

UW COLLEGE HONORS

To earn a College Honors Degree, students already enrolled in the university-wide college honors program must complete both the 47 credits of Interdisciplinary Honors and Departmental Honors requirements. (Diploma reads “With College Honors in Architectural Design”)

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Students with a minimum 3.3 UW gpa can apply to the Architecture Departmental Honors track. Students must take 9 credits of honors-specific courses and 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 Honors in Architectural 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: Architecture of the Medieval & Early Modern World (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 the first day of spring quarter at the UW, 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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|  | AUTUMN |
| YEAR 1 | Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts  (5) |
| English Composition  (5) |
| Calculus  (5) |
|  | 15 CREDITS |
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| YEAR 2 | ARCH 350  Architecture of the Ancient World (3) |
| ARCH 200  Design and Representation I (5) |
| Individuals and Societies  (5) |
| Elective  (1) |
|  | 14 CREDITS |
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| YEAR 3 | ARCH 300  Intro to Architectural Design I (6) |
| ARCH 320  Introduction to Structures I (3) |
| ARCH 315  Design Drawing III (2) |
| CM 313  Const Materials and Assemblies (4) |
|  | 15 CREDITS |
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| YEAR 4 | ARCH 400  Architectural Design IV (6) |
| Upper Division Elective  (3) |
| Building Science/Materials Selective  (3) |
| Upper Division Elective  (3) |
|  | 15 CREDITS |

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|  | WINTER |
|  | Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts  (5) |
| Natural World  (5) |
| Individuals and Societies  (5) |
|  | 15 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 351  Architecture of the Medieval & Early Mod World (3) |
| ARCH 201  Design and Representation II (5) |
| Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts  (5) |
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|  | 13 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 301  Intro to Architectural Design II (6) |
| ARCH 321  Introduction to Structures II (3) |
| ARCH 380  Computers in Architecture (3) |
| ARCH 362  Architecture and Theory (3) |
|  | 15 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 401  Architectural Design V (6) |
| History/Theory Selective  (3) |
| Upper Division Elective  (3) |
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|  | 15 CREDITS |

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|  | SPRING |
|  | Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts  (5) |
| Natural World  (5) |
| Individuals and Societies  (5) |
|  | 15 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 352  History of Modern Architecture (3) |
| Individuals and Societies  (5) |
| Natural World  (5) |
| Areas of Knowledge  (5) |
|  | 18 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 302  Intro to Architectural Design III (6) |
| ARCH 322  Introduction to Structures III (3) |
| ARCH 331 (formerly ARCH 431)  Energy and Buildings (3) |
| Graphics Selective  (3) |
|  | 15 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 402  Architectural Design VI (6) |
| Upper Division Elective  (3) |
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|  | 15 CREDITS |