Bachelor of Arts In Architecture / Liberal Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Architecture is a four-year, undergraduate degree program in which students explore the many factors that shape our built environment. The program provides a liberal studies approach to the study of architecture that covers spatial reasoning, aesthetics, political and economic structures with attention to social justice and equity, socio-cultural influences, urbanism, landscape, construction, building technologies, climate responsiveness and environmental systems. It gives students the opportunity to focus their studies through a sequence of courses that allows concentration in one of three areas:

* History and Theory
* Materials and Making
* Sustainable Development

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DIRECT ADMISSION FOR FRESHMAN

Students accepted to the UW who indicate Architecture as the preferred major on the freshman application are considered for direct admission to the Department of Architecture’s BA programs. Students must complete prerequisite courses sophomore year.

SOPHOMORE-YEAR ADMISSION

Sophomore-year admission is open to UW freshmen that will have completed at least 45 credits by the time of admission into the program. The application deadline for sophomore admission is the first Monday of spring quarter. Students must complete prerequisite courses sophomore year.

JUNIOR-YEAR ADMISSION

Junior year admission requires the completion of ARCH prerequisites and a minimum of 90 credits. The application deadline for junior admission is the first Monday of spring quarter. Admission decisions are based on an applicant's academic performance and potential, extent and quality of relevant experience, and personal motivation. Completion of prerequisite requirements does not guarantee admission.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

Transfer students may apply for admission to the program at the beginning of the sophomore year or at the beginning of the junior year. Application deadlines are the same as for Sophomore or Junior year Admission. A separate application is required for UW admission.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

5cr English Composition

66cr 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)

6cr Additional Areas of Knowledge

PREREQUISITE ARCH COURSES

5cr ARCH 200: Design and Representation I (au)

5cr ARCH 231: Making and Craft (sp)

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 also complete two Writing (W) courses for a minimum total of 10 credits, and 3 credits of Diversity (DIV) course(s). These courses may also count toward any other requirement, except the 5-credit English composition requirement. Students should complete some or all of these requirements prior to admission to the Architecture program.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Courses that begin in the third year include Core courses, Area of Concentration (AOC) selectives, Architecture electives, College of Built Environment electives, and upper division electives.

3cr ARCH 331: Energy and Buildings (sp)

5cr ARCH 332: Making and Materials (au)

5cr ARCH 361: Architectural Studies Colloquium (au)

5cr ARCH 362: Architecture and Theory\* (wi)

3cr ARCH 468: Architecture Capstone Preparation (wi)

3cr ARCH 469: Architecture Capstone\* (sp)

3 Area of Concentration selective courses from approved lists (minimum 9cr)

3 Additional Area of Concentration selective courses, one from each area of concentration (minimum 9cr)

5 Architecture elective courses (minimum 15cr)

2 College of Built Environment elective courses (minimum 6cr)

5 Upper division elective courses (minimum 23cr)

\* These courses can count as writing credits if the student requests it at the start of the quarter.

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|  | AUTUMN |
| YEAR 1 | Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts  (5) |
| English Composition  (5) |
| Calculus  (5) |
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|  | 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) |
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|  | 13 CREDITS |
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| YEAR 3 | ARCH 361  Arch Studies Colloquium (5) |
| ARCH 332  Making and Materials (5) |
| Arch Elective  (3) |
| College Elective  (3) |
|  | 16 CREDITS |
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| YEAR 4 | Sustainable Technologies Selective  (3) |
| Area of Concentration Selective  (3) |
| Arch Elective  (3) |
| Upper Division Elective  (5) |
|  | 14 CREDITS |

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|  | WINTER |
|  | Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts  (5) |
| Natural World  (5) |
| Individuals and Societies  (5) |
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|  | 15 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 351  Architecture of the Medieval and Early Modern Worl (3) |
| Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts  (5) |
| Individuals and Societies  (5) |
| Areas of Knowledge Elective  (3) |
|  | 16 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 362  Architecture and Theory (5) |
| Making and Materials Selective  (3) |
| Arch Elective  (3) |
| Upper Division Elective  (5) |
|  | 16 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 468  Arch Capstone Preparation (3) |
| Area of Concentration Selective  (3) |
| Arch Elective  (3) |
| Upper Division Elective  (5) |
|  | 14 CREDITS |

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|  | SPRING |
|  | Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts  (5) |
| Natural World  (5) |
| Individuals and Societies  (5) |
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|  | 15 CREDITS |
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|  | ARCH 352  History of Modern Architecture (3) |
| ARCH 231  Making and Craft (5) |
| Natural World  (5) |
| Areas of Knowledge  (3) |
|  | 16 CREDITS |
|  |  |
|  | ARCH 331  Energy and Buildings (3) |
| History and Theory Selective  (3) |
| Area of Concentration Selective  (3) |
| Upper Division Elective  (5) |
|  | 14 CREDITS |
|  |  |
|  | ARCH 469  Arch Capstone (6) |
| College Elective  (3) |
| Arch Elective  (3) |
| Upper Division Elective  (3) |
|  | 15 CREDITS |