

UW ARCHITECTURE

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Bachelor of Arts In Architectural Studies

The Department of Architecture offers a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies for students who are interested in architecture as a cultural, social, and technological field of study.

The Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies 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, Theory, and Criticism
- Materials and Making
- Sustainable Development

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DIRECT ADMISSION FOR FRESHMAN

Students accepted to the UW who indicate Architectural Studies as the preferred major on the freshman application are considered for direct admission to the Department of Architecture's BA program. Students must complete prerequisite courses sophomore year. UW freshmen application deadline is November 15.

SOPHOMORE-YEAR ADMISSION

Sophomore-year admission is open to UW freshmen who will have completed at least 45 credits by the time of admission into the program, including Year Two required courses. The application deadline for sophomore admission is the first day of spring quarter.

JUNIOR-YEAR ADMISSION

Junior year admission requires the completion of Year Two required courses and a minimum of 90 credits. The application deadline for junior admission is the first day 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 Year Two 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. Departmental program application deadlines are the same as for Sophomore or Junior year Admission. A separate application is required for UW admission. UW transfer deadline for Fall entry is February 15.

January 2024

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

5cr	English Composition (ENGL 131 Preferred)
66cr	Total in Areas of Inquiry
20cr	Arts & Humanities (A&H)
20cr	Social Sciences (SSc)
20cr	Natural Sciences (NSc) (including MATH 112, 124, or Q SCI 291)
6cr	Additional Areas of Inquiry

YEAR TWO REQUIRED 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: Arch of Medieval & Early Mod 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 5 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.

The complete Departmental application for sophomores, juniors, or transfer students applying for Fall Quarter admittance includes transcripts, DARS (degree audit report), a personal statement, writing sample, and resume. Samples of work are optional but recommended.

YEAR 3 + 4 REQUIREMENTS

5cr	ARCH 332: Making and Materials	(au)
5cr	ARCH 361: Architectural Studies Colloquium	(au)
5cr	ARCH 362: Architecture and Theory*	(wi)
3cr	ARCH 431: Energy and Buildings	(sp)
3cr	ARCH 468: Architecture Capstone Preparation	(wi)
6cr	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 with permission of instructor

To apply or for more information:

<http://arch.be.washington.edu/programs-courses/ba-arch>

Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies Curriculum

	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
YEAR 1	Arts & Humanities (5)	Arts & Humanities (5)	Arts & Humanities (5)
	English Composition (5)	Natural Sciences (5)	Natural Sciences (5)
	Calculus (5)	Social Sciences (5)	Social Sciences (5)
	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits
YEAR 2	ARCH 350 Architecture of the Ancient World (3)	ARCH 351 Arch of Medieval & Early Mod World (3)	ARCH 352 History of Modern Architecture (3)
	ARCH 200 Design and Representation I (5)	Arts & Humanities (5)	ARCH 231 Making and Craft (5)
	Social Sciences (5)	Social Sciences (3)	Natural Sciences (5)
		Areas of Inquiry Elective (5)	Areas of Inquiry (3)
	13 credits	16 credits	16 credits
YEAR 3	ARCH 361 Arch Studies Colloquium (5)	ARCH 362 Architecture and Theory (5)	ARCH 431 Energy and Buildings (3)
	ARCH 332 Making and Materials (5)	Making and Materials Selective (3)	History and Theory Selective (3)
	Arch Elective (3)	Area of Concentration Selective (3)	Area of Concentration Selective (3)
	College Elective (3)	Upper Division Elective (5)	Upper Division Elective (5)
	16 credits	16 credits	14 credits
YEAR 4	Sustainable Technologies Selective (3)	ARCH 468 Arch Capstone Preparation (3)	ARCH 469 Arch Capstone (6)
	Area of Concentration Selective (3)	Arch Elective (3)	College Elective (3)
	Arch Elective (3)	Arch Elective (3)	Arch Elective (3)
	Upper Division Elective (5)	Upper Division Elective (5)	Upper Division Elective (3)
	14 credits	14 credits	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.