Degree Requirements

Undergraduate Degree

Students in the College of Architecture select, in consultation with their advisers, a course of study that satisfies the formal degree requirements, addresses their interests and best meets their overall goals.

**General**

Students will earn either a Bachelor of Science in Architecture or Bachelor of Design in Architecture. The degree program requirements are the same for both degrees through the junior year (300-level). Students then choose which degree program they wish to pursue at the conclusion of the junior level.

**College of Architecture Requirements**

Students in the classes of 2018 and beyond must fulfill the following degree requirements:

A. Academic Requirements

1. Writing I: Every student must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing the English language and must begin to develop mature skills in framing and revising arguments by completing course work as determined by the Department of English with a grade of C- or better.
2. Calculus I (Natural Sciences/Math)
3. Physics I (Natural Sciences/Math)
4. Humanities (3 units)
5. Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 units)
6. Art History (History of Western Art, Architecture and Design)
7. Art History (Introduction to Modern Art, Architecture and Design)

B. Academic Electives

In addition to the courses listed above, every student is required to take at least 27 units of course work in Arts & Sciences electives.

C. Foundation Courses

1. Drawing I

D. Sam Fox Commons, Architecture, Art or Design Electives

Every student is required to take at least 6 units of Sam Fox Commons (X10 300-level), Architecture, Art or Design interdisciplinary courses.

E. Major Required Courses: Bachelor of Science in Architecture

- ARCH 111 Introduction to Design Processes I 3
- ARCH 112 Introduction to Design Processes II 3
- ARCH 211B Introduction to Design Processes III 4.5
- ARCH 212B Introduction to Design Processes IV 4.5
- ARCH 311 Architectural Design I 6
- ARCH 312 Architectural Design II 6
- ARCH 411 Architectural Design III 6
- ARCH 412 Architectural Design IV 6
- ARCH 3283 Architectural History I: Premodern Encounters in World Architecture 3
- or ARCH 3284 Architectural History II: Architecture Since 1880

F. Major Required Courses: Bachelor of Design, Major in Architecture

- ARCH 111 Introduction to Design Processes I 3
- ARCH 112 Introduction to Design Processes II 3
- ARCH 211B Introduction to Design Processes III 4.5
- ARCH 212B Introduction to Design Processes IV 4.5
- ARCH 311 Architectural Design I 6
- ARCH 312 Architectural Design II 6
- ARCH 411 Architectural Design III 6
- ARCH 412 Architectural Design IV 6
- ARCH 3283 Architectural History I: Premodern Encounters in World Architecture 3
- or ARCH 3284 Architectural History II: Architecture Since 1880

Typical Freshman and Sophomore Programs for Architecture Students

The following typical programs for the freshman and sophomore years are based on the requirements of the College of Arts & Sciences and on the prerequisite introductory architecture sequences for the undergraduate degrees in architecture:

**Freshman Year**

- ARCH 111 Introduction to Design Processes I & ARCH 112 and Introduction to Design Processes II
X10 101  Drawing I  3
X10 181  Practices in Architecture + Art + Design (Part 1 of 2)  1
X10 182  Practices in Architecture + Art + Design (Part 2 of 2)  1
Math 131  Calculus I  3
CWP 100  College Writing 1  3
Art-Arch 113  History of Western Art, Architecture and Design  3
Art-Arch 215  Introduction to Modern Art, Architecture and Design  3
Academic Requirements/Electives  9
Total units  32

Sophomore Year
Physics 117A  General Physics I  4
ARCH 211B  Introduction to Design Processes III  4.5
ARCH 212B  Introduction to Design Processes IV  4.5
ARCH 3283  Architectural History I: Premodern Encounters in World Architecture  3
Academic Requirements/Electives  15
Total units  31

If a student plans to enter the architectural design sequence ARCH 311-ARCH 312 in the fall of the junior year, the student must complete 60 units of academic work by the end of the sophomore year.

Minor in Architecture Requirements
Minor degree candidates are required to complete 18 units including:
1. 6 to 9 units of introductory design, from the following:
   ARCH 111  Introduction to Design Processes I  6
   & ARCH 112  and Introduction to Design Processes II
   ARCH 211B  Introduction to Design Processes III  9
   & ARCH 212B  and Introduction to Design Processes IV
2. 3 units (minimum) of the architectural history survey:
   ARCH 3283  Architectural History I: Premodern Encounters in World Architecture  3
   ARCH 3284  Architectural History II: Architecture Since 1880  3
3. 3 to 9 units chosen from the following electives:
   ARCH 302  Freehand Drawing  3
   ARCH 333  Case Studies in 20th-Century Architecture  3
   ARCH 336D  Biomimicry: A Biokinetic Approach to Sustain(Able) Design  3
   ARCH 404  Advancing Integrated Sustainability  3

Additional courses as approved by the associate dean of students or dean.

Additional Requirements
Each undergraduate student shall complete 122 units with a grade of D or better (or credit) and at least 30 units in advanced courses (numbered 300, 400 or 500). The 30 units in advanced courses may include the minimum number of advanced units required by the major areas of concentration. Courses required for the major (see College of Architecture Requirements) must be passed with a grade of C– or better.

Each student shall spend at least three semesters in full-time residence (at least 12 units per semester) at Washington University. Unless excused by the dean of the College of Architecture, the student must earn the last 30 units at Washington University. The dean of the College of Architecture may waive the full-time residence requirement for students who are employed full-time and have completed at least two years of college.

Regulations
A. No more than eight courses, exclusive of general studies courses, may be taken pass/fail.
B. Students may enroll for credit in only one supervised performance course in any semester. Students may earn a maximum of 12 units toward the degree in supervised performance and/or in group and individual performance courses combined.

The 4+2 Program: Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Master of Architecture
The College of Architecture’s Bachelor of Science degree curriculum leads directly into the Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design’s two-year Master of Architecture degree program, providing for the attainment of the accredited professional degree in six years.

Students who have satisfactorily completed, or who are about to complete, the Bachelor of Science requirements can apply to the Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design’s Master of Architecture degree program by submitting an application to the Graduate Admissions Office and by requesting a review of their undergraduate work by the Graduate Admissions Committee. Admission is not automatic, however, and requires approval from the Graduate Admissions Committee. A portfolio is not
required for students in the senior year of the Bachelor of Science curriculum at the time of application.

Bachelor of Science in Architecture students thus accepted into the two-year Master of Architecture degree program are required to complete the following courses to fulfill the requirements of the MArch 2 degree:

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Additionally, students entering the two-year Master of Architecture degree program with the college’s Bachelor of Science degree must complete course work not addressed during the Bachelor of Science curriculum, as follows:

1. Completion of both ARCH 438 Environmental Systems I and ARCH 439 Environmental Systems II;
2. Completion of at least one elective course in Architectural History and Theory; and
3. Completion of at least one elective course in Urban Issues.

Students in the MArch 2 degree program have 18 units (six courses) of additional elective credits to complete.

**Information**

For more information about graduate degree programs and requirements, contact the Director of Graduate Admissions, Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, Washington University in St. Louis, Campus Box 1079, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130-4899, or send an e-mail to: wuarch@samfox.wustl.edu.