

College of Architecture

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Minors

The College of Architecture offers several minors (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/academics/college-of-architecture/minors/>), which are available to all students at Washington University in St. Louis. Minors require a total of 15 or 18 units from approved courses. All courses applied toward an architecture minor must be taken for a grade, and students must earn a grade of C- or higher. At least 12 of the credit units must be applied exclusively to the minor and cannot be double-counted toward another major or minor. No individual course may count more than once toward the minor.

Students should contact the designated minor advisor to declare a minor.

In the event that a required course is not offered during a given semester or a student has irreconcilable scheduling conflicts with required major courses or other minor courses, it is possible to substitute an appropriate alternate course with approval from the minor advisor.

The Minor in Architectural History and Theory

The minor in architectural history and theory (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/academics/college-of-architecture/minors/architectural-history-theory/>) is open to all students at Washington University in St. Louis, regardless of major. It explores the broader cultural context of the discipline of architecture. Students learn about historical and contemporary issues in architecture around the world. Students pursuing the minor must take three architectural history survey courses; one methodology course; and two architectural history and theory electives (courses designated "CAST" and "RW" fulfill this requirement).

At least 12 of the 18 credit units must be applied exclusively to the minor and cannot be double-counted toward another major or minor.

Students interested in the minor should contact the minor advisor, Constance Vale (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/people/faculty/187-constance-vale/>).

Units required: 18, including the following:

Required courses:

9 units of architectural history:

Code	Title	Units
ARCH 3280	Architectural History I: Antiquity to Baroque	3
ARCH 3284	Architectural History II: Architecture Since 1880	3
ARCH 4288	Architectural History III: Advanced Theory	3

3 units of methodology:

Code	Title	Units
ARCH 601	Theories & Methods of Historical Research	3
or		
Other methodology-based courses approved by the minor advisor		

Elective courses:

*6 units of architectural history and theory electives:**

Code	Title	Units
Any 300-level or above architectural history and theory courses		6

* Courses designated "CAST" and "RW" fulfill this requirement.

The Minor in Architecture

The minor in architecture (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/academics/college-of-architecture/minors/architecture/>) is open to students at Washington University in St. Louis who are not majoring in architecture. It introduces students to the fundamentals of architecture and develops an appreciation for buildings, cities and environments and their role in society. It includes a foundational design course such as ARCH 144 Architecture for Non-Architects, which provides an overview of the discipline by highlighting contemporary issues of architecture worldwide with a focus on introductory methods of design and representation. Students also complete one architectural history course, highlighting the importance of historical and cultural contexts. The remaining 9 units of course work are structured as open architecture electives, allowing students to explore their own interests more deeply. Elective options vary by semester, and the minor advisor can help determine courses that best meet the student's area of interest.

At least 12 of the 15 credit units must be applied exclusively to the minor and cannot be double-counted toward another major or minor.

Students interested in the minor should contact the minor advisor, Catalina Freixas (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/people/faculty/148-catalina-freixas/>).

Units required: 15, including the following:

Required courses:

*3 units of design chosen from the following:**

Code	Title	Units
ARCH 144	Architecture for Non-Architects	3
ARCH 111C	Introduction to Design Processes I	4.5
Architectural Apparitions: City of Collective Memory (Florence, Italy)		6

* If more than 3 units are taken, the extra units will be counted in the elective category.

*3 units of architectural history chosen from the following:**

Code	Title	Units
ARCH 3280	Architectural History I: Antiquity to Baroque	3
ARCH 3284	Architectural History II: Architecture Since 1880	3
ARCH 3823	15th- & 16th-Century Florence, Rome & Venice: Rethinking Renaissance Visual Culture	3
or		
Other architectural history courses approved by the minor advisor		

* If more than 3 units are taken, the extra units will be counted in the elective category.

Elective courses:

9 units of elective course work in architecture (A46), landscape architecture (A48), or urban design (A49):

These may include courses in design, history/theory, technology, fabrication, sustainability, social issues or other topics. Students may also choose additional architecture studio courses to fulfill this requirement.

The Minor in Landscape Architecture

The minor in landscape architecture (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/academics/college-of-architecture/minors/landscape-architecture/>) introduces foundational aspects in the practice and scholarship of the built environment. The discipline of landscape architecture thrives in diversity, embracing the nuances and complexities of physical, biological and climatological systems.

The minor exposes students in any major to a range of design scales from the urban environment to the garden, with a focus on public space, infrastructure and new and old media. Courses introduce how the design of landscape affects the social, cultural and ecological dimensions of the world. History and theory complement science and the arts to equip students with the tools, knowledge and innovative skills to enrich any major. Students take one design methods course, with non-architecture majors completing ARCH 144 Architecture for Non-Architects and architecture majors completing the ARCH 312B Architectural Design IV or ARCH 412B Architectural Design VI Urban

Design + Landscape Systems Option Studio. Students pursuing the minor also take one landscape history course, one ecological systems course, and two landscape architecture electives, with options varying each semester. The minor advisor can help determine courses that best meet the student's area of interest.

At least 12 of the 15 credit units must be applied exclusively to the minor and cannot be double-counted toward another major or minor.

Students interested in the minor should contact the minor advisor, Eric Ellingsen (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/people/faculty/147-eric-ellingsen/>).

Units required: 15, including the following:

Required courses:

3 units of design methods:

Code	Title	Units
Non-Architecture Majors:		
ARCH 144	Architecture for Non-Architects	3
Architecture Majors: Urban Design + Landscape Systems Option Studio *		
ARCH 312B or ARCH 412B	Architectural Design IV Architectural Design VI	6

* For architecture majors, only 3 units count toward minor.

3 units of landscape history:

Code	Title	Units
LAND 571A	Landscape Architecture History & Theory (both courses offered fall only)	3
or LAND 574A	Modern and Contemporary Landscape Architecture	

3 units of ecological systems:

Code	Title	Units
LAND 551A	Landscape Ecology (spring only)	3
or		
Other ecological systems courses as approved by the minor advisor		

Elective courses:

6 units of landscape architecture electives:

Code	Title	Units
Any 300-level or above A48 Landscape Architecture course		
or		
Any 300-level or above L82 Environmental Studies course approved by the minor advisor		
or		
Other elective courses in Landscape Architecture approved by the minor advisor		

The Minor in Urban Design

The minor in urban design (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/academics/college-of-architecture/minors/urban-design/>) provides a platform for students in all majors to explore issues related to the urban condition. Within this framework, students explore urbanization processes in the context of design application and tools, critical and urban issues, urban history, and theory and its application to real-world scenarios.

Aging infrastructure networks; pressures on access to education; overextended health care systems; the loss of other public investments; false securities in the housing market; spatial exclusion based on class, race and gender; the dispossession of local inhabitants from common resources or food supply interruptions; the vulnerability and degradation of the environment; and wasteful forms of consumerism for the sake of capital accumulation all seem to be thriving themes in and around urbanization today.

Over the last three decades, the field of urban studies has received overwhelming attention from design disciplines as well as from others outside the world of design. This has led to an outpouring of scholarly and political discourse challenging the image — as well as the perception of — what is considered urban today.

Students take one design methods course, with non-architecture majors completing ARCH 144 Architecture for Non-Architects and architecture majors completing the ARCH 312B Architectural Design IV or ARCH 412B Architectural Design VI Urban Design + Landscape Systems Option Studio. The minor also includes one foundations course, one advanced urban design course, and two urban design electives, with options varying each semester. The minor advisor can help determine courses that best meet the student's area of interest.

At least 12 of the 15 credit units must be applied exclusively to the minor and cannot be double-counted toward another major or minor.

Students interested in the minor should contact the minor advisor, Petra Kempf (<https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/people/faculty/156-petra-kempf/>).

Units required: 15, including the following:

Required courses:

3 units of design methods:

Code	Title	Units
Non-Architecture Majors:		
ARCH 144	Architecture for Non-Architects	3
Architecture Majors: Urban Design + Landscape Systems Option Studio*		
ARCH 312B or ARCH 412B	Architectural Design IV Architectural Design VI	6

* For architecture majors, only 3 units count toward minor.

3 units of foundations:

Code	Title	Units
ARCH 307X or ARCH 421W	Community Building Designing the Modern City	3

3 units of advanced course work chosen from the following:

Code	Title	Units
MUD 656	Metropolitan Urbanism	3
MUD 652H	Metropolitan Development: What's in a Plan?	3
MUD 658	Metropolitan Sustainability	3

Elective courses:

6 units of urban design electives:

Code	Title	Units
Any 300-level or above A49 Urban Design course		
or		
Other elective courses approved by the minor advisor		