ARCHITECTURE

Description

Architects are creative problem solvers. The primary responsibility of the architectural profession is the design of meaningful, productive environments for human occupation and use. Architects, therefore, must be able to understand the needs and desires of the people who will inhabit and use their creations and effectively synthesize the complex structural, mechanical, constructional components, and cultural references that influence the design of a building. As designers, they must possess creative and aesthetic skills as well as technical knowledge, collaborative ability, and problem-solving agility.

The architecture program seeks to increase students’ desire to learn and to develop a capacity for design-thinking and sound, critical judgment while simultaneously developing their creative potential. Specifically, the curriculum provides the background and means for the student to:

1. Analyze and understand society’s needs and desires.
2. Translate these needs and desires into a physical form and spatial organization.
3. Contribute creatively to the building construction industry.
4. Search out new problems and contribute to environmental knowledge through design-research.
5. Initiate and review developments in technology and society.
6. Participate in the community that makes decisions affecting the physical environment.

Architecture is a six-year course of study divided into a common first year (d.ONE) and a professional program of study. After completing the d.ONE curriculum common to all undergraduates in the College of Architecture, students apply for admission into the architecture program’s professional program. The professional program in architecture consists of two components: the bachelor of science in design (BSD-Architecture) and the subsequent two-year master of architecture (M.Arch).

Students in good standing at the completion of the BSD-Architecture are admitted to the M.Arch program without application.

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the bachelor of architecture, the master of architecture, and the doctor of architecture. A program may be granted up to an 8-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Masters degree programs may consist of an undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the undergraduate degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The professional master of architecture degree is fully accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB). The architecture program at Nebraska was granted 8-year reaccreditation in July 2015.

In addition to the 58-credit-hour, two-year professional M.Arch program, applicants with degrees from other fields may be eligible to enter the three year, 92-credit-hour master of architecture program with deficiencies. These deficiencies are evaluated by the program director on an individual basis after admission resulting from a review of the applicant’s transcripts and other pertinent professionally-related materials by the Student Affairs Committee.

For those who would like to pursue scholarship and research in architecture, the architecture program also offers a 36-credit-hour, scholarly-nonprofessional master of science in architecture degree for students with a bachelors degree in architecture or a related discipline.

The Master of Architecture Professional Program

The professional program in architecture is a six-year course of study that includes a one-year pre-professional segment, a three-year core segment culminating in the award of the bachelor of science in design (BSD) and culminates in the final two-year exploratory segment which results in the receipt of the professional master of architecture degree (M.Arch).

Although the bachelor of science in design degree is an integral part of the professional program in architecture, it should be clearly understood that the undergraduate BSD is not a professional degree and is not separately accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. Most state registration boards will not acknowledge any degree unless accompanied by an accredited professional degree.

The accredited, first professional degree awarded by the College of Architecture is the master of architecture degree which is awarded at the successful conclusion of the professional program in architecture. This is the only accredited professional architecture program in the state of Nebraska.

The professional program in architecture is structured to develop highly competent professional architects capable of performing effectively in an evolving discipline.

d.ONE: The Common First Year

d.ONE, the common first year, engages and prepares students for exciting futures in all design fields within the College of Architecture.

The d.ONE curriculum offered by the College of Architecture, introduces students to design through courses in three areas: Technique (drawing and computer applications), Design Discipline (an introduction to the related design disciplines and design history), and Design Practice (design Thinking and design Making). In addition, students take University courses in math (calculus), English, communications, and a general education elective. Design Thinking and design Making are sequential hands-on courses in which students learn to work in teams to address problems and promote innovation. At the same time, they learn the foundational skills in composition, craft, presentation, and idea generation necessary for all design fields.

At the end of the d.ONE common first year, students have gained an understanding of the broad range of design and are eligible to apply to any of the design programs in the College—architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design.

Admission

Admission to the Architecture Program

After completion of the first year of d.ONE studies, students may apply for admission to the professional architecture program. Successful applicants will have their major changed to the BSD-Architecture option.
Available teaching resources and space capacities limit enrollment to the second year of architectural studies; therefore, enrollment limits are established each semester.

Required courses must be completed before advancing to the next year of study.

**Minimum Entrance Requirements**

To be considered for admission to the architecture program, applicants must:

1. Be enrolled in the College of Architecture.
2. Be in good scholastic standing.
3. Have completed the one year d.ONE program of study.

**Second Year Admission Process**

1. An application for admission may be completed by filling out the online application. The program receives applications once a year on March 1.
2. Applicants must submit a portfolio conforming to the defined criteria for the program applied for by the date posted at the completion of the spring semester.
3. Any applicant who has previously applied for admission and has not been accepted or who fails to enroll in the professional program in architecture after an acceptance must reapply in the regular manner. Students may apply for admission to the architecture program a maximum of three times.

**Evaluation**

The Student Affairs Committee of the architecture program will carefully evaluate all applications for admission. The committee considers three elements in their evaluation: cumulative grade point average, a weighted grade point average, and the portfolio of student work. The weighted grade point average gives additional value to the applicant’s achievement in the required DSGN prefix course or transfer equivalents in the pre-professional curriculum.

**Selection**

Admission to the architecture program will be awarded to applicants who show the greatest professional potential and have demonstrated scholastic achievement. The Student Affairs Committee reserves the right to not fill all available spaces in the professional program in architecture if it determines that the remaining applicants have not performed at an acceptable level.

**Admission to the 2-Year Master of Architecture Program**

Students having completed the BSD-Architecture may continue their studies culminating in the M.Arch without re-application, provided they exhibit a cumulative grade point average of B (3.0) and a studio GPA of B (3.0). Students must submit an intent form with a brief statement of purpose. A portfolio is not required. Students wishing to be eligible for fellowships and assistantships must submit the form by February 1. Fellowships and assistantships have separate applications.

Students from outside the program must apply to gain admission to the 2-year M.Arch degree program. Applications are available in October from the department office and are reviewed once a year in February. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required.

All applications for admission are subject to approval of the Student Affairs Committee. Enrollment shall be limited by the teaching resources and space capacities of the department. An enrollment quota is established prior to each admissions cycle.

Students in the professional program are governed by the rules, procedures and policies established in the architecture program. These are published in the Student Guide or by official notification by the faculty.

**Minimum Entrance Requirements**

To be considered for admission to the 2-year professional program in architecture, applicants must:

1. Have a 4-year degree from an accreditation-leading architecture program.
2. Present a portfolio of design work.
3. Be in good scholastic standing.
4. Have a B average or its equivalent in past academic programs.

The Student Affairs Committee of the architecture program requires a minimum TOEFL score of 550 or 213 computer-based or Internet-based score of 79-80 for all international student applicants whose first language is not English.

**Evaluation**

A portfolio of an applicant’s recent design work will be evaluated by the Student Affairs Committee of the architecture program and is considered to be a very important part of the application review process, along with the applicant’s educational profile, letters of recommendation, transcripts, and application form.

**Selection**

The limited number of spaces available each semester will be awarded to applicants who have displayed the highest abilities in a combination of scholastic achievement, design capability, and professional potential. Strong applicants with significant deficiencies may be admitted to the 3-year M.Arch program.

The admissions committee reserves the right to reject applicants who, in its opinion, have not reached an acceptable level of design proficiency.

**Joint Degree Programs**

**Business**

Architecture majors accepted to the 2-year master of architecture may choose to pursue a three-year course of study that leads to joint degrees of master of architecture and master of business administration. Participation in this joint degree program requires admission into both the M.Arch and MBA programs. Students should consult with their advisor to develop an appropriate plan.

**Community and Regional Planning**

Architecture majors accepted to the 2-year master of architecture may choose to pursue a course of study that leads to joint degrees of master of architecture and master of community and regional planning. This degree would require three years to complete. A suggested sequence of courses can be obtained from your advisor, the Architecture Program Director, or the Community and Regional Planning Program Director.

**Admission to the 3-Year Master of Architecture Program**

**Minimum Entrance Requirements**

To be considered for admission to the 3-year M.Arch program, applicants must:
Prospective students interested in the professional programs in the College of Architecture are eligible to apply for admission into the College. Admission to the College of Architecture requires the following general admission requirements for the College of Architecture: High School Standards: Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture Programs

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Prospective students interested in the professional programs in the College of Architecture are eligible to apply for admission into the architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture majors if their high school records meet the following standards:

- Have completed one semester (3 cr) college physics.
- Have completed one semester (3 cr) college calculus.
- Have a B (3.0) cumulative grade point average in past academic programs.
- Have a four-year bachelor degree in any field.

Experience in art or design is recommended but not required for admission.

The Student Affairs Committee requires a minimum TOEFL score of 550 or 213 computer-based or Internet-based score of 79-80 for all international student applicants whose first language is not English.

**Evaluation**

The Student Affairs Committee evaluates the candidate's past academic record, three letters of recommendation, a statement of educational goals, and the information requested on the application form. A portfolio is not required for candidates applying for the 3-year masters degree program; however, providing evidence of past achievements and/or creative activity is helpful to the committee in its evaluation.

**Selection**

The limited number of spaces available each semester will be awarded to applicants who have displayed the highest abilities in a combination of scholastic achievement and professional potential.

**Deficiencies**

The Student Affairs Committee and/or the program chair reserve the right to require additional coursework be done to correct perceived deficiencies in the candidate's educational background. Examples of common deficiencies include college calculus, basic design, and computer applications. Courses fulfilling these requirements are available at the University of Nebraska and may be taken in the summer preceding the first year of the program.

**Advanced Standing**

Advanced standing may be granted to exceptional individuals with bachelors degrees in related fields. Advanced standing would allow students to waive one design research studio. To be eligible for advanced standing, applicants must submit a portfolio for review.

**New freshman students must:**

- Graduate in the upper quartile of their high school class.
- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and be in good scholastic standing.
- Have an enhanced ACT composite score of 22.
- Have a combined SAT verbal and math total of at least 1110 enhanced.
- Receive permission from the program director with a waiver from the above requirements.

**New international freshman students must:**

- Meet University of Nebraska–Lincoln entrance requirements for new international freshman students.
- Have a MELAB score of at least 80, or a minimum TOEFL score of 550, or computer-based score of 213, or Internet-based score of 79-80, or an IELTS of 6.5.

**New transfer students must:**

- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design and be in good scholastic standing.

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- Meet University of Nebraska–Lincoln entrance requirements for international transfer students.
- Have a MELAB score of at least 80, or a minimum TOEFL score of 550, or computer-based score of 213, or Internet-based score of 79-80, or an IELTS of 6.5.
- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and be in good scholastic standing.

**Students who transfer into the College of Architecture from other colleges at UNL must:**

- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design and be in good scholastic standing.
NOTE: New transfer students must comply with new freshman student entrance requirements if they have completed less than 12 credit hours of college study.

Readmission
Students who apply for readmission to the College of Architecture must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design; be in good scholastic standing; and receive permission from the dean of the College. Former students who withdraw after being admitted to the College, or who have been academically suspended and wish to be readmitted, must: a) be readmitted to the College in good scholastic standing and b) be in good scholastic standing in accordance with the program standards and receive permission from the program director. Applicants for readmission will compete for spaces available with all other admission applicants.

College Degree Requirements
Minimum Hours Required for Graduation
Bachelor of Science in Design (BSD-Architecture) – 120 hours
Bachelor of Science in Design (BSD-Interior Design) – 120 hours
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) – 120 hours

Grading Appeals
A student wishing to appeal a grade should contact his or her professor for clarification first before an appeal can be filed. If the dispute cannot be resolved with the instructor it is recommended that the student meet with their advisor to get clarification on the appeals process. Appeals are only considered where it can be demonstrated that prejudice or capricious treatment influenced the grade received by the student.

Having exhausted these avenues, a student may then choose to make a formal appeal. The appeal is in the form of a written statement from the student to the program director. The director will then forward the letter to the Faculty Affairs Committee. The deadline for filing a grade appeal (which includes a written statement from the student) is 30 calendar days after the first day of classes of the next regular semester (fall or spring). Appeals filed after the deadline will not be heard.

Incomplete Grades
Incompletes for students in the pre-professional program shall be granted only for reasons outlined in the policy statement adopted by the University Senate. See the Office of the University Registrar’s website (https://registrar.unl.edu) for the complete text.

Incompletes given to students in the professional programs are granted at the discretion of the faculty awarding the grade. The faculty and student together must file an incomplete form in the Student Success office to register the anticipated completion date and the grade that will be registered if the work is not completed by that time.

Students will be allowed a maximum of two weeks to remove incompletes from courses that are prerequisites to classes in which they are currently enrolled, or they will be administratively dropped from those courses.

Scholastic Standing
The following scholastic standards have been established to maintain the level of quality for students enrolled in the architecture program:

First Year – Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Interior Design
Students in the first year (d.ONE) are required to maintain both a semester and cumulative grade point average at or above 2.0. The College places students who fail to meet these standards on academic probation.

Second, Third, and Fourth Year – Architecture
Students in the second, third, and fourth years of the architecture program are required to maintain both a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.6 to remain in good academic standing. The program also requires that students earn a grade of a C or higher in all required courses. Students who fail to meet this standard are placed on academic probation and will not be permitted to take any new architecture courses without the permission of the program director.

Second, Third, and Fourth Year – Interior Design and Landscape Architecture
Students in the second year are required to maintain both a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.6. Students in the third and fourth year of the BSD program are required to maintain a 2.6 cumulative grade point average to remain in good academic standing. The program also requires that students earn a grade of a C or higher in all required courses. The program places students who fail to meet this standard on academic probation.

Master of Architecture
Students in the M.Arch program are required to maintain a semester grade point average of 3.0 to remain in good academic standing. The program places students who fail to meet this standard on academic probation.

Grade Rules
Students must earn at least a C (2.0) in all courses with an ARCH, DSGN, IDES, or LARC prefix to earn credit toward their degree. Students will be required to retake all required core courses with a grade of C- or below, but will not be required to repeat courses that were taken as electives.

Removal of Grades C- or Below
A student receiving a grade of C- or below for an overall course grade may remove that grade by retaking the same course again and receiving a higher grade at UNL, UNO, or UNK. The higher grade will be used to compute the student’s cumulative grade point average, but all grades appear on the student’s transcript. Students who choose to retake a course at an institution outside of the University of Nebraska system may count the course toward their degree requirement, but the grade will not replace the University of Nebraska–Lincoln grade from the student’s transcript.

The Pass/No Pass option cannot be used to remove these grades from the grade point average. Please be advised that once a course is no longer taught and no longer offered by the department it is not possible to remove a grade of C- or below through substitution or any other means.

Should a student perform poorly in many courses during a semester it is possible to bankrupt the entire semester’s grades. This is a drastic action and should be pursued only after a visit with the student’s advisor.
Pass/No Pass Limits
None of the required classes offered in the professional program are offered Pass/No Pass, but a maximum of 12 Pass/No Pass credit hours of humanities, social sciences, or open electives may be taken from departments outside the College of Architecture. ACE courses specified by the College of Architecture may not be taken Pass/No Pass.

Courses taken outside the architecture, landscape architecture, or interior design programs to fulfill the upper-level outside elective requirement at the 800 level or 900 level, with or without a 400-level counterpart, in a minor, collateral, or supporting area of work, can be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

Transfer Credit Rules
Transfer credit is evaluated at the College level for general coursework and at the Program level for technical, professional, and non-accredited credits.

College Evaluation of Transfer Credit
First-time students transferring to the College of Architecture from a similar accredited professional degree program will be evaluated on the basis of the current undergraduate catalog in effect at the time the student enrolls in the College of Architecture.

Confirmation procedure:
1. It is the student's responsibility to initiate this task.
2. The student procedure is to seek review of appropriate materials from the Student Success office.
3. A "portfolio review" will determine confirmation of credit. This review will be done by the appropriate faculty member or committee.

Evaluation of General Education Credits
Transfer students who have formally applied for admission will have their academic credits evaluated by the Office of the University Registrar and the College of Architecture. The College will evaluate all hours submitted on an admission application but reserves the right to reject any of these credits.

Program Evaluation of Professional Credit
All professional credits earned at another university to be applied toward the master of architecture degree must be approved by the Professional Program Committee in cooperation with the program director. At least 50 percent of the required coursework for the professional degree must be completed at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, with the exception of those students who are applying to enter the program with a four-year degree from an accredited architecture program. No professional transfer credit will be accepted from a non-accredited architecture program.

Process
The program director will select and identify those courses that are applicable to the professional program in architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture programs. The College of Architecture will not accept courses for transfer which are below a 2.0 on a 4-point scale.

Evaluation of Technical and Non-accredited Transfer Credits
Students who desire to transfer credits from technical or non-accredited colleges must have architecture credits evaluated by the director and/or appropriate program representatives. Non-architecture credits will be evaluated by the appropriate university department.

Evaluation of Graphics, Design, and Production Drawing Credit
Transfer credit for graphics, basic and architectural, landscape architecture, and/or interior design work and production drawings will not be granted until the student's work has been reviewed by the architecture, landscape architecture, or interior design program director. Allowable transfer credit in the design, production drawings, and graphics areas, whether the grades presented are C, B, or A, will be determined from this review and the student placed accordingly.

Clarification and Appeal
The student who has questions about or wishes to appeal the initial College evaluation of his or her transfer credit should contact the program office. If the evaluation is not satisfactorily resolved, the student has the right to register an appeal with the Student Affairs Committee of the architecture, landscape architecture, or interior design programs.

Other College Degree Requirements

Off-Campus Programs
The College of Architecture recognizes the need for some students to pursue their first-year design studies at other institutions. One semester (15 credit hours) of off-campus study should cause minimal delay in students' educational timetables if courses can be selected from the following list and are approved by the College of Architecture. Students are encouraged to coordinate their off-campus architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design programs with the College of Architecture.

Recommended Courses
- Calculus (3 hrs)
- English Composition elective (3 hrs)
- Humanities and Social Sciences electives (9 hrs) See University of Nebraska–Lincoln ACE requirements.
- Calculus-based Physics (4 hrs) for architecture or Introduction to Horticulture (3 hrs) for landscape architecture
- Speech (3 hrs)

ACE Requirements

Achievement-Centered Education (ACE)
The University of Nebraska–Lincoln requires all students receive a broad general education as part of their academic experience. This requirement translates into the obligation of all students to fulfill the requirements of the ACE program (http://ace.unl.edu).

English
Architects, landscape architects, and interior designers must be able to express themselves clearly and concisely. Routinely, architects, interior designers, and landscape architects are called upon to prepare reports, papers, or specifications in which clarity and precision are essential. For this reason, a student must meet more than the English composition course requirement. In daily oral and written work, the student must demonstrate the use of effective English. The dean may require students who fail to meet acceptable standards to do additional work in English composition or speech communication. Each instructor is expected to bring to the dean's attention the students who need additional work.

Students are expected to take ENGL 150 Writing and Inquiry or ENGL 151 Writing and Argument and COMM 286 Business and Professional Communication.

ENGL 186 ESL/Academic Reading Skills, ENGL 187 ESL/Academic Writing Skills and ENGL 140 Advanced Academic Writing and Usage may not be used to satisfy the freshman English composition requirement.
Mathematics
All students in the College of Architecture are required to receive credit for MATH 104 Applied Calculus. Courses taken as deficiencies to qualify for MATH 104 will not apply as credit toward their degree.

Learning Outcomes
Graduates of architecture will be able to:

1. Apply design-specific modes of thought and methods of inquiry.
2. Communicate and think diagrammatically through sketches, geometry, and models.
3. Resolve individual creativity with the needs of clients and society.
4. Integrate knowledge from different perspectives and disciplines into the design process.
5. Consider the larger ethical, moral, and environmental implications of individual design actions.
6. Comprehend the effectual and technical aspects of architectural design.
7. Resolve multiple and often conflicting project variables into an integrated design.
8. Reassess old prototypes and generate innovative architectural designs.
9. Engage in the production of new architectural knowledge and design research.
10. Raise clear and precise questions and design statements relevant to future practice.
11. Practice effectively as interns and continue towards professional M.Arch degree and licensure.

Major Requirements

Architecture Curriculum
The architecture curriculum begins with d.ONE, a basic design first year common to all undergraduate majors in the College of Architecture. This common first year introduces students to the fundamentals of Design Thinking (DSGN 110) and Design Making (DSGN 111). The d.ONE program is followed by three years of architectural instruction leading to a bachelor of science in design. After receipt of the bachelor's degree, students may declare intentions to continue for an additional two years of study, leading to a professional master of architecture degree. The professional master of architecture degree is accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB).

The College of Architecture, and all six years of the architecture program, are located at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

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Total Credit Hours 120
Additional Major Requirements

Grade Rules
C- and D Grades
Students must earn at least a C (2.0) in all courses with an ARCH, DSGN, IDES, or LARC prefix to earn credit toward their degree. Students will be required to retake all core required courses with a grade of C- or below, but will not be required to repeat courses that were taken as electives.

Credit in 500/600-level master of architecture courses is attained as follows:

- A minimum grade of B is required for professional credit in 500/600-level courses with 400 or lower counterparts. A grade of B- is not acceptable.
- A minimum grade of C or P (pass) is required for professional credit in 500/600-level courses without 400 or lower counterparts.

Pass/No Pass
None of the required classes offered in the professional program are offered Pass/No Pass, but a maximum of 12 Pass/No Pass credit hours of humanities, social sciences, or open electives may be taken from departments outside the College of Architecture.

GPA Requirements
First Year – Architecture
Students in the first year (d.ONE) are required to maintain both a semester and cumulative grade point average at or above 2.0. The College places students who fail to meet these standards on academic probation.

Second, Third, and Fourth Year – Architecture
Students in the second, third, and fourth years of the architecture program are required to maintain both a semester and cumulative grade point average of 2.6 to remain in good academic standing. The architecture program also requires that students earn a grade of C or higher in all required courses. Students who fail to meet this standard are on academic probation and will not be permitted to take any new architecture courses without the permission of the program director.

M1 and M2 Years – Master of Architecture
Students in the M.Arch program are required to maintain a semester grade point average of 3.0 to remain in good academic standing. The program places students who fail to meet this standard on academic probation.

ARCH 107 Sustainability Basics and the Build Environment
Description: Introduction to the fundamentals, principles and current assessments relative to responsible, sustainable design as applied to the built environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

ARCH 210 Architectural Design Studio: Representation
Prerequisites: Admitted to Professional Architecture Program
Notes: Letter grade only
Description: Introduction to architectural design through reflective and projective techniques. Divergent and convergent approaches focus on fundamental ways in which user(s), matter, and environment inform architecture.
Credit Hours: 5
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Graded
Prerequisite for: ARCH 211; ARCH 310; ARCH 467, ARCH 567, ARCH 867, LARC 467, HORT 467

ARCH 211 Architectural Design Studio: Ideation
Prerequisites: ARCH 210
Notes: Letter grade only
Description: Consideration of multiple parameters including structure, organization, and material acknowledging their potential to inform each other. Exercises will engage a student’s ability to effectively and persuasively communicate design positions with regards to appropriateness.
Credit Hours: 5
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Graded
Prerequisite for: ARCH 310

ARCH 222 BIM for Design - Introduction to BIM
Prerequisites: Admission to the Architecture Program
Notes: This course is a mini course, not a semester-long course.
Description: Introduction to Building Information Modeling (BIM) and its application for design. An overview of the capabilities of BIM for 3D modeling, information tracking, documentation, and collaboration.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 231 Structural Fundamentals
Prerequisites: Admission to a professional program in the College of Architecture or permission.
Description: Introduction to the concept of structure as integral and essential to architectural design. Exposure to basic physical principles and structural systems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 232 Materials and Assemblies
Prerequisites: Admission to a professional program in the College of Architecture
Description: Introduction to materials and assemblies with an emphasis on design implications and contemporary practices.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Prerequisite for: ARCH 331, CNST 331
ARCH 240 Architecture History and Theory I
Description: Survey of the development of architecture from prehistory to the mid-eighteenth century.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Prerequisite for: ARCH 341
ACE: ACE 7 Arts ACE 5 Humanities
ARCH 241 Architecture History and Theory II
Description: Survey of the history and theory of architecture from the mid-eighteenth century to the present day.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Prerequisite for: ARCH 262; ARCH 341
ACE: ACE 7 Arts ACE 5 Humanities
ARCH 262 Building Organization
Prerequisites: Admission to a professional program in the College of Architecture, or DSGN 110 and ARCH 241
Description: Introduction to spatial organizations as related to architectural programming and the design process. Exposure to common types of organizational configurations, the forces that shape them, and their consequential effects.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
ARCH 310 Architectural Design Studio: Organize
Prerequisites: ARCH 210, ARCH 211
Description: Architectural design creating a complex programmatic and spatial organization. Creation/critique of design program; the proposal of plausible structure, material and their expressions; and the exploration of analytical and expressive potentials of representation.
Credit Hours: 5
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Graded
ARCH 311 Architectural Design Studio: Situate
Crosslisted with: ARCH 311H
Prerequisites: ARCH 310
Description: Architectural design creating effective and appropriate relationships with manmade/natural environments. Selection/critique of site; the analysis and documentation of contextual conditions; and the incorporation of structure, material, and their expressions into design.
Credit Hours: 5
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Graded
Prerequisite for: ARCH 430, ARCH 430H; DSGN 410
ARCH 311H Architectural Design Studio: Situate
Crosslisted with: ARCH 311
Description: Architectural design creating effective and appropriate relationships with manmade/natural environments. Selection/critique of site; the analysis and documentation of contextual conditions; and the incorporation of structure, material, and their expressions into design.
Credit Hours: 5
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Graded
Prerequisite for: ARCH 430, ARCH 430H; DSGN 410
ARCH 327 Parametric Modeling for Design
Prerequisites: DSGN 123
Description: Introduction to parametric and related basic computational concepts for design. Explorations in specific parametric modeling software techniques.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded
ARCH 331 Structural Mechanics
Crosslisted with: CNST 331
Prerequisites: ARCH 232 or admission into the Construction Management degree program
Description: Introduction to various external force systems, and their resulting internal forces and deformations, which act on structural elements.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
ARCH 332 Structural Optimization
Crosslisted with: CNST 332
Prerequisites: ARCH 331
Description: Optimization of key properties of elemental components and systems of building structures: force, geometric, and material.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Prerequisite for: ARCH 430, ARCH 430H
ARCH 333 Building Environmental Technical Systems I
Crosslisted with: CNST 305
Prerequisites: PHYS 151
Description: Characteristics and performance of buildings with respect to thermal and psychrometric environment in buildings related to human comfort, heat gain/heat loss, ventilation, natural energy systems and sustainable design principles, and plumbing and life safety systems in the Built environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Prerequisite for: ARCH 430, ARCH 430H; CNST 405
ARCH 334 Building Environmental Technical Systems II  
Crosslisted with: IDES 334  
Prerequisites: Admission to a professional program in the College of Architecture  
Description: Architectural lighting and acoustical systems of buildings for non-engineers. Fundamentals of light and vision, lighting equipment, requirements for building lighting, fundamentals of sound and hearing, room acoustics, noise control, and basic design methods for both architectural lighting and acoustics.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 341 Architectural Theory  
Prerequisites: ARCH 240 and 241.  
Notes: Organized thematically.  
Description: Architectural theory. Written accounts on what architecture should be and why. Compare a number of positions on particular issues that have persisted through the history of architectural theory.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 347 African Architecture  
Crosslisted with: ARCH 547, AHIS 366, ETHN 347  
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or above.  
Description: Survey of the architectural traditions of the African continent, from pre-historic times to the present day. Buildings-famous and typical-theories, and approaches that are appropriate to the specific cultural environments.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 360 Site Context Issues  
Crosslisted with: ARCH 360H  
Prerequisites: ARCH 310  
Description: Investigation of the interrelationship among the physical context as created by nature and humanity, the various design professions concerned with site development and architectural ideas. Site analysis, research, selection, and development projects along with practical exercises form the basis of the lab experience.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Grading Option: Graded  
Prerequisite for: ARCH 430, ARCH 430H

ARCH 360H Site Context Issues  
Crosslisted with: ARCH 360  
Description: Investigation of the interrelationship among the physical context as created by nature and humanity, the various design professions concerned with site development and architectural ideas. Site analysis, research, selection, and development projects along with practical exercises form the basis of the lab experience.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Grading Option: Graded  
Prerequisite for: ARCH 430, ARCH 430H

ARCH 397 Selected Topics in Architecture  
Prerequisites: Permission.  
Description: Group investigation of a topic in architecture originated by the instructor.  
Credit Hours: 1-6  
Min credits per semester: 1  
Max credits per semester: 6  
Max credits per degree: 6  
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 398 Problems in Architecture  
Prerequisites: Permission.  
Description: Individual investigation of a topic in architecture.  
Credit Hours: 1-6  
Min credits per semester: 1  
Max credits per semester: 6  
Max credits per degree: 6  
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 411 Architectural Design: Integrate  
Crosslisted with: ARCH 411H  
Prerequisites: DSGN 410, or by permission  
Description: Continuation of complex problems as it relates to the integration and consideration of environmental stewardship, technical documentation, accessibility, site design, life safety, environmental systems, structural systems, and building envelope systems and assemblies, emphasizing technological considerations as formal and organizational determinants.  
Credit Hours: 5  
Max credits per semester: 5  
Max credits per degree: 5  
Grading Option: Graded  
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

ARCH 411H Architectural Design: Integrate  
Prerequisites: DSGN 410, or by permission  
Description: Continuation of complex problems as it relates to the integration and consideration of environmental stewardship, technical documentation, accessibility, site design, life safety, environmental systems, structural systems, and building envelope systems and assemblies, emphasizing technological considerations as formal and organizational determinants.  
Credit Hours: 5  
Max credits per semester: 5  
Max credits per degree: 5  
Grading Option: Graded  
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

ARCH 417 Product Design  
Crosslisted with: ARCH 617, ARCH 817, IDES 417  
Prerequisites: Admission to a professional program in the College of Architecture.  
Description: Practical investigation in the use of materials and their fabrication process with emphasis on wood, plastic, and steel. Generate a design from conception to a finished product.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Grading Option: Graded
ARCH 418 Fabrication and Construction Team
Crosslisted with: ARCH 518, ARCH 818
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: The shifting relationship between conceiving and making through hands-on, collaborative experience with actual design-construct projects in which students play a decisive role in all aspects of research, design and construction of the commission.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 430 Technological Integration
Crosslisted with: ARCH 430H
Description: Integrative study of structural, building technology, and environmental technology systems in a building within the context of ARCH 411. Emphasis on the role structural, mechanical systems, and assemblages play in the evolution of an architectural design project. Students illustrate an understanding of the principles which underlie each of the technical systems and demonstrate the ability to apply those principles to the design project.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 430H Technological Integration
Crosslisted with: ARCH 430
Description: Integrative study of structural, building technology, and environmental technology systems in a building within the context of ARCH 411. Emphasis on the role structural, mechanical systems, and assemblages play in the evolution of an architectural design project. Students illustrate an understanding of the principles which underlie each of the technical systems and demonstrate the ability to apply those principles to the design project.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SPRING

ARCH 440 Details
Crosslisted with: ARCH 540, ARCH 840
Prerequisites: ARCH 341
Description: Focused study of architectural theory and problems of practice and physicality examined in the context of the architectural detail.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 443 Architectural Representations: Theory + Application
Crosslisted with: ARCH 543, ARCH 843
Prerequisites: ARCH 311
Description: Explores architectural practice relative to representational communication both internally within the design process as well as with an external audience. This course also investigates the impact of tangential techniques appropriated to the practice. Readings, discussions, and projects will focus on issues of perception and projection relative to these systems and how they impact the practice of architecture in a contemporary context. Course structure is both a theory seminar addressing the position of representation through readings, as well as a laboratory for investigating their application.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 458 The Changing Workplace
Crosslisted with: ARCH 558, ARCH 858, IDES 458, IDES 858
Prerequisites: ARCH 360 or permission.
Notes: Letter grade only.
Description: Survey and integration of theory, methods, research and findings from the social, behavioral, and managerial sciences as they relate to the design of work environments. Factors effecting change in the contemporary workplace.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 461 Urbanism
Crosslisted with: LARC 461, ARCH 561, ARCH 861
Prerequisites: ARCH 360 or permission.
Notes: Letter grade only.
Description: Issues of contemporary urbanism and the processes of urban design. Experiential nature of cities, role of public policy, ideology, genesis and development of urban form and space.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 466 Community Design Center
Crosslisted with: ARCH 566, ARCH 866
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Community-oriented design studio. The design process and its relationship to the environmental development process.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 467 Planting Design
Crosslisted with: ARCH 567, ARCH 867, LARC 467, HORT 467
Prerequisites: HORT/LARC/NRES 212; ARCH 210 or HORT/LARC 266.
Description: Design processes, principles, and elements as applied to the use of native and ornamental plant materials. Aesthetic, functional, and micro-climatic arrangements of plant material in parks, on commercial property, on home grounds, along roadways, and in urban open spaces. Develop a palette of plants and graphics for designs.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded
ARCH 469 Senior Landscape Design
Crosslisted with: HORT 469
Prerequisites: HORT 341 and/or permission.
Description: Capstone course for the landscape option. Students work individually on real-world projects with actual clients. They select the project location and scope in consultation with the instructor prior to the semester this course is taken. The project must reflect evidence of a design process, design articulation and communication understandable to the client and provide in depth drawings, details needed to carry out the implementation of the design.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

ARCH 481 Women in Design
Crosslisted with: ARCH 581, ARCH 881, IDES 481
Prerequisites: Admission to the BSD program.
Description: Intensive study of particular historical and contemporary contributions by women to the design professions related to the built environment. Evaluation of design work by and about women seen in their aesthetic and intellectual context. Examinations of the roles and values of women in design and their impact on the assumptions and issues currently held by the profession.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 482 Advanced Color Theory
Crosslisted with: ARCH 582, ARCH 882, IDES 482, IDES 882
Prerequisites: Admission to the third year in architecture or Interior Design Program; or permission.
Description: Advanced color theories and their application to the Built environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 489 Design Research
Crosslisted with: ARCH 589, ARCH 889, IDES 489, IDES 889, LARC 489
Prerequisites: Admission to a professional program in the College of Architecture.
Description: Comprehensive overview of the complementary and contributory relationship between research and design, with a particular emphasis on design research as a projective activity.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL

ARCH 491 Seminar in Architecture
Prerequisites: Permission
Description: Selective studies of contemporary problems in design and practice.
Credit Hours: 2-3
Min credits per semester: 2
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

ARCH 497 Selected Topics in Architecture
Crosslisted with: ARCH 497H, ARCH 597, ARCH 697, ARCH 897
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Group investigation of a topic in architecture originated by the instructor.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 24
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 497H Selected Topics in Architecture
Crosslisted with: ARCH 497, ARCH 597, ARCH 697, ARCH 897
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Group investigation of a topic in architecture originated by the instructor.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 24
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 498 Problems in Architecture
Crosslisted with: ARCH 498H, ARCH 598, ARCH 898
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Individual investigation of a topic in architecture.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 9
Grading Option: Graded

ARCH 498H Problems in Architecture
Crosslisted with: ARCH 498, ARCH 598, ARCH 898
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Individual investigation of a topic in architecture.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 9
Grading Option: Graded

PLEASE NOTE
This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with this major. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your college or department academic advisor. Advisors also can help you plan other experiences to enrich your undergraduate education such as internships, education abroad, undergraduate research, learning communities, and service learning and community-based learning.