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In addition to the high school admission requirements, the College of Architecture has established the following general admission requirements for all undergraduate students.

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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.

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**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 architecture 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.
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.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department
A minimum of 12 hours of coursework to include the following:

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Additional Coursework
Select 6 credits of the following: 

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Total Credit Hours 18

<sup>1</sup> Dependent upon topic and review of program faculty.

**Grade Rules**

**C- and D Grades**
A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the minor.

**Pass/No Pass**
No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor.