



**BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**Department of
Architecture**

Bachelor of Arts or Science with a major in Architecture

www.bsu.edu/architecture

About Our Program

A Pre-Professional Degree—**87** credits in major with **120** credits total

The four-year undergraduate program for a Bachelor of Arts degree includes a foreign language concentration.

The four-year undergraduate program for a Bachelor of Science does not include a foreign language concentration.

Either program selection results in the completion of a “pre-professional” undergraduate architecture education—a degree that by itself is not recognized as a NAAB-accredited professional degree necessary for professional licensure. Students who choose the BA/BS degree option and seek to become licensed, professional architects, must also pursue a professional degree at the graduate level—a Masters of Architecture (M.Arch). The BA/BS degree is the pre-professional component of the Department of Architecture’s NAAB accredited Master of Architecture degree.

Students who complete the BA/BS degree option can choose careers in allied industries making the pursuit of the master’s degree unnecessary for their future career and education plans.

The course load for the BA/BS undergraduate degree differentiates from the Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) professional degree after the third undergraduate year. During the fourth year of this pre-professional degree choice, students take more option courses to explore interests that may inform their career choice or professional graduate studies.

STATEMENT ON NAAB ACCREDITATION

In the United States, most registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit professional degree programs in architecture offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year term, an eight-year term with conditions, or a three-year term of initial accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established education standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may require a non-accredited undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the non-accredited degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.”

Ball State University, Department of Architecture offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

- B.Arch (154 undergraduate credits)
- Next accreditation visit for B.Arch program: 2031
- M.Arch (pre-professional degree + 57 graduate credits)
- M.Arch (non-pre-professional degree + 99 credits)
- Next accreditation visit for M.Arch program: 2030

In order to meet the education requirement set forth by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), an applicant for an NCARB Certificate must hold a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the NAAB; the degree must have been awarded not more than two years prior to initial accreditation. However, meeting the education requirement for the NCARB Certificate may not be equivalent to meeting the education requirement for registration in a specific jurisdiction. Please contact NCARB for more information or visit www.ncarb.org.

Visit www.bsu.edu/ for more information.



FIRST YEAR

See College of Architecture and Planning First-Year Program—36 credits (including 18 credits of University Core)

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

| COURSE | DESCRIPTION | CREDITS |
|----------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| ARCH 201 | Architectural Design | 4 |
| ARCH 214 | Architectural Building Technology 1 | 3 |
| ARCH 229 | History of Architecture 1 | 3 |
| ARCH 251 | Social and Environ. Justice in Design | 3 |
| ARCH 263 | Digital Design | 3 |
| UCC | | 1 |

SPRING SEMESTER

| COURSE | DESCRIPTION | CREDITS |
|----------|----------------------------|---------|
| ARCH 202 | Architectural Design | 4 |
| ARCH 218 | Structural Systems 1 | 3 |
| ARCH 273 | Environmental Systems 1 | 3 |
| ARCH 329 | History of Architecture 2 | 3 |
| UCC | University Core Curriculum | 3 |
| UCC | University Core Curriculum | 2 |

THIRD YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

| COURSE | DESCRIPTION | CREDITS |
|----------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| ARCH 301 | Architectural Design | 5 |
| ARCH 318 | Structural Systems 2 | 3 |
| ARCH 373 | Environmental Systems 2 | 3 |
| ARCH 320 | Introduction to Professional Practice | 3 |
| UCC | University Core Curriculum | 3 |

SPRING SEMESTER

| COURSE | DESCRIPTION | CREDITS |
|----------|---|---------|
| ARCH 302 | Architectural Design | 5 |
| ARCH 314 | Architectural Building Technology 2 | 3 |
| ARCH 340 | Intro to Historic Preservation for Architects | 3 |
| UCC | University Core Curriculum | 3 |
| Elective | Enhancement Elective | 3 |

FOURTH YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

| COURSE | DESCRIPTION | CREDITS |
|----------|----------------------------|---------|
| ARCH 401 | Architectural Design | 5 |
| UCC | University Core Curriculum | 3 |
| General | General Studies Course | 2 |

SPRING SEMESTER

| COURSE | DESCRIPTION | CREDITS |
|----------|------------------------|---------|
| ARCH 402 | Architectural Design | 6 |
| Elective | CAP, ARCH, LA, or PLAN | 3 |

The University CORE Curriculum (UCC):

UCC courses serve as a unique Ball State University foundation for preparing students for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives. The Core Curriculum purpose is to provide a liberal arts experience for all students regardless of their programs of study. The UCC offers BSU learning experiences that are ideally different from and complementary to those embedded in programs of study.

For detailed course information consult the [Ball State Undergraduate Catalog](#).

General Studies:

General Studies courses are chosen freely, allowing you to explore any subject of your choice. No Architecture courses can be used for other minors.

Enhancement Electives:

Courses outside of the ARCH major that will complement your architectural skillset, rounding out the assets needed for the field. Consult the department for acceptable electives.

Course requirements for the non-professional BA/BS degree with a major in Architecture differentiates from the 5-year B.Arch pre-professional degree after the third undergraduate year.

Students who choose the BA/BS degree option and seek to become licensed, professional architects, must also pursue a professional degree at the graduate level—a Masters of Architecture (M.Arch). The Department of Architecture offers the NAAB accredited Master of Architecture degree. At the completion of the BA/BS degree, there are separate admission requirements for the graduate school and the graduate M.Arch program at Ball State.

