



**BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**Department of
Architecture**

Bachelor of Architecture

About our Program

www.bsu.edu/architecture

Bachelor of Architecture Professional Degree — 154 credits total

97 credits Architecture course + **30** credits University Core Curriculum (UCC) + **15** credits General Studies Electives + **12** credits Enhanced Electives.

The five-year **Bachelor of Architecture** (B.Arch) program provides a professionally oriented undergraduate education that will result in an accredited professional degree—a necessary degree requirement for licensure as an Architect. The B.Arch degree path balances the intensity of a professional degree program with a broader, well rounded, and diverse undergraduate university education. One semester of the B.Arch program is an internship experience (with salary) with licensed architects or professionals in allied disciplines. The undergraduate B.Arch degree program also provides a foundation for other educational pursuits at the graduate level.

Our B.Arch program achieved accreditation by the National Architectural Accrediting Board in the spring of 2021. The next accreditation assessment will take place in the spring of 2031.

Visit www.bsu.edu for more information.



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

**NAAB
ACCREDITED**
B.Arch

The B.Arch program is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

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

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

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 400	Comprehensive Architecture Studio	6
ARCH 418	Structural Systems 3	3
ARCH 420	Professional Practice	3
UCC	University Core Curriculum	3
Elective	Enhancement Elective	3

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
ARCH 455	Architectural Internship	0
NOTE	The Internship may be completed in either Fall or Spring semester of the fourth year, with face-to-face 4th year coursework completed in the alternate semester.	

FIFTH YEAR

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
ARCH 403	Architectural Design	6
ARCH 424	Research and Programming Methods	3
General	General Studies Course	6
Elective	Enhancement Elective	3

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
ARCH 404	Final Project Studio	6
General	General Studies Course	9
Elective	Enhancement Elective	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.