



Bachelor of Arts or Science *with a major in Architecture*

A Pre-Professional Degree—120 credits

- 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.

See NAAB statement on accreditation that follows.

FIRST YEAR

See College of Architecture and Planning First-Year Program—31 credits (including 15 credits of University Core)

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 201).....	4
Architectural Building Technology 1 (ARCH 214).....	3
History of Architecture 1 (ARCH 229) ¹	3
Social & Environmental Justice in Design (ARCH 251).....	3
Digital Design (ARCH 263).....	3
University Core Curriculum.....	1

Total Credits 17

Spring Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 202).....	4
Structural Systems 1 (ARCH 218).....	3
Environmental Systems 1 (ARCH 273).....	3
History of Architecture 2 (ARCH 329).....	3
University Core Curriculum.....	3
University Core Curriculum.....	2

Total Credits 18

¹The University CORE Curriculum (UCC) allows coursework in the major to count for as many as six hours in the core. ARCH 229 will count for three hours in UCC Tier2 Fine Arts/Humanities/Dsgn. Take pre-requisites of ENG 103 and 104 in the freshman and sophomore years.

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 301).....	5
Structural Systems 2 (ARCH 318).....	3
Environmental Systems 2 (ARCH 373).....	3
Introduction to Professional Practice (ARCH 320).....	3
General Studies Course.....	3
Writing Proficiency Exam (WPP 392) ²	0

Total Credits 17

Spring Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 302).....	5
Architectural Building Technology 2 (ARCH 314).....	3
Intro to Historic Preservation for Architects (ARCH 340).....	3
Enhancement Course.....	3
University Core Curriculum.....	3

Total Credits 17

²A Writing Proficiency Exam is required in the junior year.

! SUMMER STUDY OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS: Summer study options for students involving off campus work such as travel studies and community design + build experiences are considered “Enhancement Courses.”



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.

FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 401) ³	5
University Core Curriculum*	3
General Elective Course	2

Total Credits 10

Spring Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 402).....	6
Elective (CAP, ARCH, LA, or PLAN)*	3

Total Credits 9

³NOTE: the Internship may be done either Fall or Spring semester of the fourth year, with one semester of coursework on campus the corresponding Spring or Fall.

87/120

Eighty-seven (87) hours are required in the major with a minimum of 120 hours required for graduation. Once admitted into the program, consult Degree Works online to audit your progress toward degree completion.

SECTION II.4.1 STATEMENT ON NAAB-ACCREDITED DEGREES

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 Accrediting 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 either an eight-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of conformance with established educational standards.

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

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

- M.Arch (pre-professional degree + 57 graduate credits)
- M.Arch (non-pre-professional degree + 99 credits)
- Next accreditation visit for all programs: 2021

The NAAB grants candidacy status to new programs that have developed viable plans for achieving initial accreditation. Candidacy status indicates that a program expects to achieve initial accreditation within six years of achieving candidacy, if its plan is properly implemented.

In order to meet the education requirement set forth by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, 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.

Ball State University, Department of Architecture's Bachelor of Architecture program, has been determined by the NAAB Board of Directors to be eligible for initial candidacy for the following degree program:

- B.Arch: (154 undergraduate credits)
- Initial application for eligibility for candidacy: 2017
- Visit for initial candidacy: Fall 2018
- Projected year for initial accreditation visit: Fall 2020 for initial B.Arch class of 2020



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For information about programs and requirements in **Architecture**, consult the [Ball State University Undergraduate Catalog](#).

The information presented here, correct at the time of publication, is subject to annual review. Ball State University practices equal opportunity in education and employment and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community.