

At institution/state level:

The Department of Architecture is currently working on the curriculum for a proposed addition of an undergraduate professional degree (B.Arch) **option** for our students; we will be *adding this* to our current 3+ and 2 year Master of Architecture professional degree program. The curricular map will maintain a 4 year pre-professional "major" in architecture to facilitate students interested in pursuing a Master's professional degree. We believe the additional degree option will address the needs of some of our undergraduate student demographic. We are not modifying the existing undergraduate major (BA/BS in architecture) as some of our students prefer to seek a graduate professional degree and this degree allows them an "off ramp" for the proposed undergraduate professional degree (B.Arch)

SCHEDULE FOR THIS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TARGET (or past) DATES:

- (January 2016 initial faculty discussions RE the viability of a B.Arch option)
- (January – March 2016 departmental faculty discussion RE pros/cons of option)
- (August –November 2016: focused departmental Undergraduate Curriculum Committee discussions on curricular structure per NAAB 2014 Conditions; Departmental Faculty updates/discussion at departmental faculty meetings)
- **December 13, 2016:** Department of Architecture faculty vote RE approval of B.Arch degree option and curriculum (course adds to existing BA/BS pre-professional degree)
- **January/February 2017:** College and University curricular approval
- **February 2017:** Ball State Provost/president institutional approval
- **February/March 2017:** Ball State Board of Trustees

- ***NAAB** (Submission of written plan to NAAB occurs after President approval...see detail that follows)
- **April 2017:** Indiana Commission on Higher Education (AA+Q session)
- **May/June 2017:** Full Indiana Commission on Higher Ed approval

***NAAB** (start this path after anticipated Provost/President approval in February 2017)

- BSU Chief Academic Officer (President): letter of intention to seek candidacy (B.Arch) with prerequisites and credit hour total. Also include letter of BSU's most recent accreditation decision.
- TO NAAB: **Plan for Achieving Initial Accreditation** *max 77 pages, 3 MB, .doc or .PDF INCLUDING:*
 - Cover page
 - Analysis of current status with long term objectives for establishment and implementation
 - Analysis of the extent to which the new program already complies with the Conditions for Accreditation with special emphasis on program identity, resources, and curricular framework
 - Plan for securing resources (staff, faculty, space, financial support)
 - Plan for securing institutional approvals for the proposed degree
 - Plan for recruiting and retaining students
 - Plan for recruiting full-time and adjunct faculty to teach within and support the program

- Proposed date for enrolling first cohort: **Fall 2017** (into architecture specific curriculum...first year (as is currently) is shared foundation design year for college)
- Projected date for awarding first B.Arch degrees to first cohort: **Spring 2021**
- Plan for developing new courses and/or curricular sequences including faculty assignments and physical resources
- Plan for external support, funding, alumni engagement and professional community engagement
- Plans or provisions in the event that the program does not achieve initial candidacy
- Plans or provisions in the event that the program does not achieve initial accreditation
- SUBMIT THIS PLAN via electronic application in February/March