



college of architecture

College of Architecture

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Bachelor of Science in Architecture

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The Bachelor of Science in Architecture is a four-year pre-professional degree aimed at providing a foundational and interdisciplinary education in the discipline of architecture. Students graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture may apply for acceptance in accredited 2-year professional Master of Architecture programs that fulfill the educational requirements for licensure as a professional architect. The Bachelor of Science in Architecture introduces students to the various sets of knowledge that impact the design of our environment including architectural design and theory, architectural history, structural design and analysis, environmental systems and sustainability, as well as architecture and core curriculum elective courses on a variety of current topics. The minimum number of semester credit hours required for the degree, including Core Curriculum requirements, is 124.



The Bachelor of Science in Architecture program takes full advantage of the unique location of the College of Architecture in downtown San Antonio, and within the South Texas region. The city of San Antonio, composed of several historical layers from the 17th century to the present, is a laboratory for the exploration of architecture, urbanism, and community planning and design. Activities in the program take full advantage of the strong relationships between the College of Architecture and the San Antonio professional and civic communities; and faculty and students within the program frequently participate in a variety of community service projects.

Degree Plan

FOUNDATION YEAR (28 credits)

Core Curriculum (13 credits)

- MAT 1093 Precalculus
- PHY 1603/11 Algebra-based Physics I and Lab, OR
- PHY 1903/11 Engineering Physics I and Laboratory
- WRC 1013 Freshman Composition I
- WRC 1023 Freshman Composition II

Foundation (15 credits)

- COA 1113 Introduction to the Built Environment
- COA 1133 Building Technology I
- COA 1213 Design I
- COA 1223 Design II
- COA 1313 Design Visualization

ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM (69 credits)

Required Courses (54 credits)

- ARC 2116 Design III
- ARC 2126 Design IV
- ARC 2223 Building Technology II
- ARC 2413 History of Architecture: Prehistory through Medieval
- ARC 2423 History of Architecture: Renaissance through Nineteenth Century
- ARC 3216 Architecture Studio I
- ARC 3226 Architecture Studio II
- ARC 3233 Building Technology III
- ARC 3343 Building Technology IV
- ARC 3353 Building Technology V
- ARC 3433 Topics in Architecture and Thought
- ARC 3613 History of Modern Architecture
- ARC 4246 Architecture Systems Studio

Electives (15 credits)

All students entering the College of Architecture undergraduate programs must complete a Common Foundation Year curriculum comprised of 28 credit hours of prescribed courses. Promotion to the limited number of positions in the second year of the architecture program is competitive determined by the grade point average (GPA) of the 28 semester credit hours required in the Foundation Year. Students must complete all 28 hours of Foundation Year courses to be considered for acceptance into the Architecture Program.

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