

# ARCHITECTURE - BS

The four-year Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree prepares students for challenging careers in industries that support the built environment. The program fosters creativity and problem-solving skills, provides access to extensive knowledge, and cultivates high levels of capability, interweaving the academic areas of design; architectural history, theory, and criticism; representation; building technology; as well as social, professional, and community engagement. Coursework encourages multidisciplinary and comparative perspectives that allow opportunities for communication and team-oriented methods of production. Global perspectives through mandatory semester-long study abroad and study away experiences and internships at national and international offices encourage students to bring the knowledge from the classroom out into the world and back to the university and their home communities to deepen lessons learned in a variety of contexts.

Students develop skills and acquire knowledge through a studio-based experience with a variety of theoretical, experimental, and practical design projects. Design studio projects place a shared emphasis on the technical and expressive content of design work; the processes by which students research, synthesize and document their design ideas; and create tangible products that achieve a high quality of graphic and physical craft.

The program encompasses a variety of design subjects that will enable students to pursue careers in graphic design, industrial design, interior design, robotics, and architecture design. Students interested in professional architecture registration must complete a National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) accredited Master of Architecture program after completing the four-year undergraduate degree. Often, students earning the BS supplement their studies with Minors offered through the Department of Architecture. Those options include the Art and Architectural History, the Sustainable Architecture and Planning, Architectural Fabrication and Product Design, and Architectural Heritage Conservation.

## Program Requirements

### First Year

		Semester Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
ARCH 105	Design and Visual Communications Foundations I <sup>1</sup>	4
ARCH 115	Visual Communication Foundations I <sup>1</sup>	3
ARCH 249	Survey of World Architecture History I <sup>1</sup>	3
ARCH 281	Seminar in Contemporary Architecture <sup>1</sup>	1
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II	
MATH 168	Finite Mathematics	
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
ARCH 108	<sup>1</sup>	5
ARCH 250	Survey of World Architecture History II <sup>1</sup>	3
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3

MATH 142	Business Calculus	3
or MATH 151	or Engineering Mathematics I	
Cultural discourse ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/</a> ) <sup>2</sup>		3

**Semester Credit Hours 17**

### Second Year

<b>Fall</b>		
ARCH 205	Architecture Design I <sup>1</sup>	4
ARCH 212	Social and Behavioral Factors in Design <sup>1</sup>	3
ARCH 330	The Making of Architecture <sup>1</sup>	3
PHYS 201	College Physics	4
Government/Political science ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> )		3

**Semester Credit Hours 17**

### Spring

ARCH 206	Architecture Design II <sup>1</sup>	5
ARCH 213	Sustainable Architecture <sup>1</sup>	3
CARC 481	Seminar <sup>1</sup>	1
American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )		3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )		4

**Semester Credit Hours 16**

### Third Year

<b>Fall</b>		
ARCH 305	Architectural Design III <sup>1</sup>	5
ARCH 331	Architectural Structures <sup>1</sup>	3
ARCH 335	Architectural Systems <sup>1</sup>	3
Communication ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> )		3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )		1

**Semester Credit Hours 15**

### Spring

Study Away		
Select one of the following:		12
Option 1:		
ARCH 494	Internship <sup>1</sup>	
Study away elective <sup>3</sup>		
Option 2:		
CARC 301	Field Studies in Design Innovation <sup>1</sup>	
Study away elective <sup>1,3</sup>		

**Semester Credit Hours 12**

### Fourth Year

<b>Fall</b>		
ARCH 405	Architectural Design IV <sup>1</sup>	5
ARCH 431	Integrated Structures <sup>1</sup>	2
ARCH 435	Integrated Systems <sup>1</sup>	2

American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )	3
Government/Political science ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> )	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
ARCH 350 History and Theory of Modern and Contemporary Architecture <sup>1</sup>	3
ARCH 406 Architecture Design V <sup>1</sup>	5
Directed elective <sup>1,4</sup>	3
Directed elective <sup>1,4</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Must make a grade of C or better.

<sup>2</sup> To be selected from 100-499 level courses designated as cultural discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) (CD) not used elsewhere (such as CARC 101).

<sup>3</sup> Study away electives will be selected with approval of the Assistant Dean for International Programs and Initiatives.

<sup>4</sup> Select from ARCH 216, ARCH 246, ARCH 260, ARCH 317, ARCH 327, ARCH 328, ARCH 345, ARCH 421, ARCH 430, ARCH 433, ARCH 434, ARCH 438, ARCH 441, ARCH 458, ARCH 463, ARCH 481, ARCH 484; ARTS 330; COSC 253; GEOG 330; LAND 301; RWF 375; URP 340, URP 361, URP 370, URP 470.

All proposals for undergraduate independent study must be signed by the supervising faculty and submitted to the department for approval; forms are available from the Department of Architecture Undergraduate Advisor.

Students must also make a grade of C or better in any course used as an equivalent substitution for School of Architecture courses satisfying degree requirements.