



Twin Cities Campus
Architecture B.A.
School of Architecture
College of Liberal Arts

- **Students will no longer be accepted into this program after Fall 2014. Program requirements below are for current students only.**
- **See Architecture, College of Design**

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2014
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 57 to 58
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Architecture encompasses the study and creation of the buildings and environment that we inhabit. The concerns of architecture involve a wide variety of areas of study, including the art of representing existing environments and proposals through drawings and models; the technology of building structure, building materials, and natural and mechanical systems; the history, theory, and art of making, using, and understanding buildings as cultural artifacts for human use; and the practice of architecture in the context of urban form and society.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 3 courses before admission to the program.

Students interested in the B.A. with a major in architecture should see the prospective student adviser in 107 Rapson Hall, 612-626-3690.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

Required prerequisites

Preparatory Courses

Students must also complete the first-year writing requirement (with a minimum grade of C-), all high school prep requirements, and a total of 30 credits.

[ARCH 1281](#) - Design Fundamentals I [AH] (4.0 cr)

[ARCH 1701](#) *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of any second language.

All courses in math, physics, and English composition must be taken A-F with grades of C- or better to satisfy degree requirements and to progress in sequence courses.

During their program, students should maintain a portfolio of originals or duplicates of all freehand drawings, projects, and architecture studio designs. A portfolio is required for application to the graduate professional degree program.

Beginning fall 2012, all incoming CLA freshman must complete the appropriate First Year Experience course sequence. Specific information about this collegiate requirement can be found at: http://class.umn.edu/degree_requirements/index.html

Math and Physics Courses

[MATH 1142](#) - Short Calculus [MATH] (4.0 cr)



or [MATH 1271](#) - Calculus I [MATH] (4.0 cr)
[PHYS 1101W](#) - Introductory College Physics I [PHYS, WI] (4.0 cr)
or [PHYS 1201W](#) *{Inactive}*[PHYS, WI] (5.0 cr)
or [PHYS 1301W](#) - Introductory Physics for Science and Engineering I [PHYS, WI] (4.0 cr)

Major Courses

In addition to the required courses, students must complete 6 or more architecture elective credits not used elsewhere in the program. For these electives, students may not use ARCH 3351, 3352, 5351, or 5352.

[ARCH 2301](#) - Drawing and Critical Thinking (4.0 cr)
[ARCH 2281](#) - Design Fundamentals II (4.0 cr)
[ARCH 3411W](#) - Architectural History to 1750 [HIS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
[ARCH 3412W](#) - Architectural History Since 1750 [HIS, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
[ARCH 3611](#) - Design in the Digital Age (3.0 cr)
[ARCH 4561](#) - Architecture and Ecology [ENV] (3.0 cr)
[ARCH 4701W](#) - Introduction to Urban Form and Theory [WI] (3.0 cr)
[LA 3501](#) - Environmental Design and Its Biological and Physical Context [ENV] (3.0 cr)
[ARCH 3711W](#) - Environmental Design and the Sociocultural Context [SOCS, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ARCH 3711V](#) - Honors: Environmental Design and the Sociocultural Context [SOCS, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [ARCH 3xxx](#)
- [ARCH 4xxx](#)

Architectural history elective

[ARCH 4421W](#) - Architecture and Interpretation: The Cave and the Light [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ARCH 4423](#) *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or [ARCH 4424](#) - Renaissance Architecture (3.0 cr)
or [ARCH 4425W](#) - Baroque Architecture [WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ARCH 4432](#) - Modern Architecture (3.0 cr)
or [ARCH 4434](#) - Contemporary Architecture (3.0 cr)
or [ARCH 4445W](#) *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ARCH 4461](#) *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

Design workshops

Take 4 credits of design workshops (workshops may be 2 to 4 credits each).

Take 4 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [ARCH 3250](#) - Design Workshop (1.0 - 6.0 cr)

Credits outside the major

B.A. majors complete 18 credits of 3xxx-4xxx courses outside the major.

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Honors UHP

This is an honors sub-plan.

Students admitted to the University Honors Program (UHP) must fulfill UHP requirements, in addition to degree program requirements. Honors courses used to fulfill degree program requirements will also fulfill UHP requirements.

Current departmental honors course offerings are listed at:

http://www.honors.umn.edu/academics/curriculum/dept_courses_current.html

Honors students complete an honors thesis project in the final year, most often in conjunction with an honors thesis course, or with an honors directed studies, or honors directed research course. Students select honors courses and plan for a thesis project in consultation with their UHP adviser and their departmental faculty adviser.