

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Program Learning Outcomes for the BA Degree with a Major in Architectural Studies

Upon completing the BA degree with a major in Architectural Studies, students will be able to:

1. Gain knowledge of the history and theory of architecture in relation to broader social, technological, and cultural practices and transformations.
2. Understand the design process in architecture through a variety of scales and problems and with an appreciation of design's importance in the quality of our cities and environment.
3. Explore and develop specific interests concerning the discipline and/or its relationship to other fields and endeavors.

Requirements for the BA Degree with a Major in Architectural Studies

For general university requirements, see [Graduation Requirements \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/). Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in Architectural Studies must complete:

- A minimum of 12 courses (48 credit hours) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this major. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the major's academic advisor, or where applicable, the department's Director of Undergraduate Studies. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the major's [Official Certifier \(https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/\)](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/).) Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Architectural Studies		48
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Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
Design Studios		

ARCH 101	PRINCIPLES OF ARCHITECTURE I - FORM	6
ARCH 102	PRINCIPLES OF ARCHITECTURE II - SYSTEMS	6
ARCH 201	PRINCIPLES OF ARCHITECTURE III - CONTEXT	6
ARCH 202	PRINCIPLES OF ARCHITECTURE IV - URBANITY	6
History and Theory		
ARCH 225 / HART 225	INTRODUCTION TO ARCHITECTURAL THINKING	3
ARCH 345 / HART 345	FOUNDATIONS IN THE HISTORY AND THEORY OF ARCHITECTURE I (1450-1850)	3
Technology		
ARCH 207	TECHNOLOGY I	3
ARCH 309	TECHNOLOGY II	3
Elective Requirements		
Select 4 elective courses from departmental (ARCH) course offerings		12
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Architectural Studies		48
Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements *		41
University Graduation Requirements (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/) *		31
Total Credit Hours		120

Footnotes and Additional Information

* **Note:** [University Graduation Requirements](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/) include 31 credit hours, comprised of Distribution Requirements (Groups I, II, and III), FWIS, and LPAP coursework. In some instances, courses satisfying FWIS or distribution requirements may additionally meet other requirements, such as the Analyzing Diversity (AD) requirement, or some of the student's declared major, minor, or certificate requirements. [Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/) include general electives, coursework completed as upper-level, residency (hours taken at Rice), and/or any other additional academic program requirements.

Policies for the BA Degree with a Major in Architectural Studies

Admission

The BA degree with a major in Architectural Studies provides a foundation in architectural ideas and design while allowing a broader pursuit of other fields as an undergraduate. Enrollment is restricted to students admitted into the architecture program who have completed the first two years of required courses. Approval is based on academic performance and demonstrated aptitude indicating that the student is on track for continued study in the discipline.

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see [Transfer Credit \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of [transfer credit advisors \(https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/\)](https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/) on their website: <https://oaa.rice.edu>. Students are encouraged to meet with their

academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the major in Architectural Studies should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the School of Architecture website: <https://arch.rice.edu/>.

Opportunities for the BA Degree with a Major in Architectural Studies

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see Latin Honors (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>) (*summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/>). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

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