Architectural Studies, BSD

If you have a passion for space and environments and how people engage with them, architecture is a great field to study. The School of Design program in architectural studies can provide the skills and knowledge in architectural studies so you can pursue your dream of becoming an architect.

Program Description

Architects design buildings and environments that are useful, sustainable and aesthetically pleasing. This implies an understanding of people's needs, the science and technology of building and the concepts of aesthetics.

The faculty in The Design School offer a BSD in architectural studies. In addition to developing knowledge and skills in architectural thinking, building technology, history and theory, and professional practice, students are encouraged to select electives from a broad range of approved courses within the institute and across the university. These electives may be selected to devise a minor, to further professional study or to enrich the student's academic experience in some other fashion.

This is an eight-semester program requiring sequential completion of studio coursework or approved equivalent at any point of entry.

At a Glance

• College/School: Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
• Location: Tempe campus
• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 170 - Precalculus
• Math Intensity: Moderate
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Change of Major Requirements

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute or one of its programs must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
International experiences supplement a major in architectural studies while also introducing students to new cultures, skills and perspectives. Students can intern in the Czech Republic, learn about sustainable development in Fiji, spend a semester in South Africa, or participate in one of the more than 250 programs across every continent. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu)

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the bachelor's degree program are prepared for graduate school as well as a range of design-related careers. Those who wish to become licensed can complete their professional studies by attending an accredited professional master's degree. The Design School offers a two-year professional MArch for graduates of the undergraduate program.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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