

Bachelor of Arts in ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

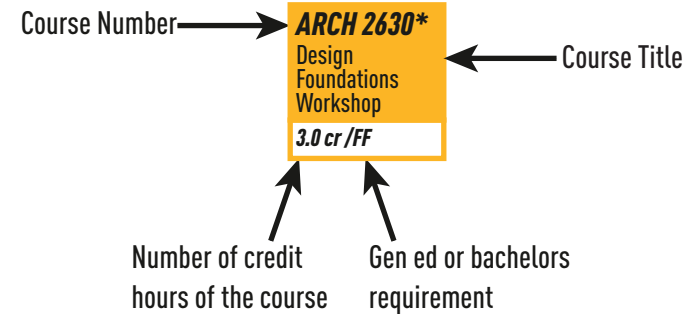
in the School of Architecture

The Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies is an undergraduate, liberal arts degree that provides a well-rounded academic foundation for immediate careers in architectural design and allied disciplines. It prepares the student for advanced academic standing in the 3+ Master of Architecture professional program. The BAAS curriculum challenges students to explore design, socio-cultural influences, spatial reasoning, sustainability, resilience, material properties, political and economic structures, landscape ecologies, construction practices, and building technologies, among other related themes. It situates architecture as a complex, multi-faceted discipline within the broader university, professional, and civic contexts. The program encourages students to use their elective credit hours to concentrate in a particular aspect of architectural studies and/or minor in an area outside of the SoA to further support this interdisciplinary approach to education.

Architecture Application Process

The BAAS program is a “closed major” in which students must complete a supplemental application to progress through the program. Students must complete a series of pre-requisite foundations courses to develop primary design skills and competencies. The application process occurs each spring semester of the academic year. Students who wish to apply either from within the university, or as a transfer student from another institution must complete the entire application process. Students will submit a resume, personal statement, letters of recommendation and portfolio which will then be reviewed by program faculty for admission. Students will be notified whether they are admitted, waitlisted, or denied in May of each year and can reapply to the program only once.

Students who complete the design foundations curriculum at the University of Utah that are subsequently admitted into the BAAS program are accepted as “M1”s, with 3 years left in the program before graduation. Students who apply to the program as a transfer student from another institution will be placed into the year which most aligns with their academic background and experience and is determined on a case-by-case basis. Decisions will be sent to the student's University of Utah email account.



Course Number

This number indicates the general difficulty of a course. 1000-2999 are generally first and second year courses. 3000-4999 are generally third year and above courses. Courses with a 3-digit course number DO NOT award credit.

* Indicates the course is offered in multiple terms each year.

Number of Credit Hours

To be considered full-time a student must be enrolled in 12 credit hours or more. Students seeking to complete more than 18 credit hours during a semester should first speak to an advisor. 3.0 hours+ are semester length courses, courses offered at 0.5 - 2.5 credit hours have shorter instructional periods.

Gen Ed or Bachelors Requirement (GE or BD)

To attain any bachelors degree students must complete a variety of general education and bachelors degree courses. Courses that fulfill such a requirement will have the GE or BD code noted.

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	Fall	Spring		Fall	Spring		Fall	Spring			
Seminar				ARCH 2801 BAAS Seminar I 1.0 cr	ARCH 2802 BAAS Seminar II 1.0 cr		ARCH 3801 BAAS Seminar III 1.0 cr	ARCH 3802 BAAS Seminar IV 1.0 cr		ARCH 4801 BAAS Seminar V 1.0 cr	ARCH 4802 BAAS Seminar VI 1.0 cr
BAAS Core (recommended order)	ARCH 2630* Design Foundations Workshop 3.0 cr /FF	DES 2630* Design Contexts 3.0 cr /FF	Review for pregression into BAAS/BSAS M1	ARCH 3150 Architectural Communications 3.0 cr	ARCH 2932 BAAS Studio 3.0 cr	Application into BAAS M2 (Transfer Only)	ARCH 3511 BA Foundations of Building Technology 3.0 cr	ARCH 3116 BA Research Methods 3.0 cr		ARCH 4111 BA Capstone Studio 5.0 cr	
	CMP 2010* Design Ecologies 3.0 cr /BF	ARCH 3101* Career Exploreations 3.0 cr		ARCH 3210 Survey of World Architecture I 3.0 cr /IR	ARCH 3211 Survey of World Architecture II 3.0 cr		ARCH 4175 BA Introduction to Architectural Theory 3.0 cr		ARCH 4852 BA Capstone Seminar 3.0 cr		
Directed Electives				Students can complete the fall semester of the M1 year by participating in a study abroad to Volterra, Italy.	Design Directed Elective I 3.0 cr		Comms Directed Elective 3.0 cr			Crit. Practice Directed Elective 3.0 cr	Design Directed Elective II 3.0 cr
							Technology Directed Elective 3.0 cr				Comm. Eng. Directed Elective 3.0 cr
University Requirements (recommended order)	American Institutions* 3.0 cr /AI	Writing 2* 3.0 cr /WR2		Language 1010* 4.0 cr	Language 1020* 4.0 cr		Language 2010* 4.0 cr	Language 2020* 4.0 cr /LR		Upper-Div Comms* 3.0 cr /CW	Diversity* 3.0 cr /DV
	Writing 1* 3.0 cr /WR1	Humanities* 3.0 cr /HF		U of U Elective* 3.0 cr	Physical Science* 3.0 cr /PS			Quantitative Literacy* 3.0 cr /QL			U of U Elective* 3.0 cr
	Life Science* 3.0 cr /LS	U of U Elective* 3.0 cr		*U of U Electives should be taken on an as needed basis to reach the 120 credit-hour minimum graduation requirement.				U of U Elective* 3.0 cr			

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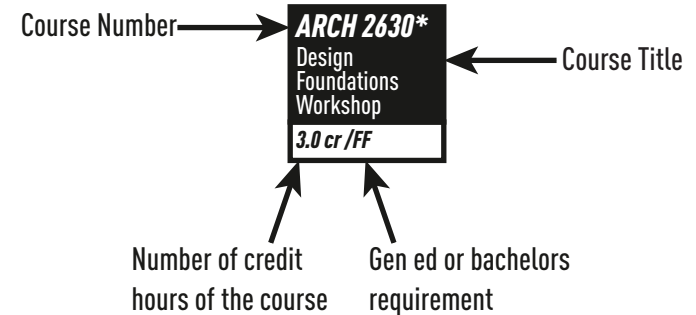
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Studio		ARCH 2630* Design Foundations Workshop 3.0 cr /FF		ARCH 2632 Advanced Architectural Dsgn Workshop 3.0 cr	ARCH 2634 Design Fundamentals Studio 4.0 cr		ARCH 3010 Architectural Design Studio I 5.0 cr	ARCH 3011 Architectural Design Studio II 5.0 cr		ARCH 4010 Architectural Design Studio III 5.0 cr	ARCH 4011 Architectural Design Studio IV 5.0 cr
Design Comms	ARCH 1630* Basic Architectural Comms I 1.5 cr		Review for pregression into BSAS/BAAS M1	ARCH 1632 Basic Architectural Comms II 1.5 cr	ARCH 2030 Basic Architectural Comms III 1.5 cr	Application into BSAS M2 (Transfer Only)	ARCH 3050 Architectural Comms I 3.0 cr	ARCH 3112 Site Planning + Urban Design 1.5 cr			ARCH 4040 Architectural Comms Elective 1.5 cr
History, Theory + Criticism				ARCH 3210 Survey of World Architecture I 3.0 cr /IR	ARCH 3211 Survey of World Architecture II 3.0 cr		ARCH 3216 Critical Concepts in Architectural Design 3.0 cr	Integrated courses must be completed together.		ARCH 4850 Identity and Justice in the Built Environ. 3.0 cr /DV	ARCH 4270 Architectural Theory and Practice 3.0 cr
Building Technology	MATH 1210* Calculus I 4.0 cr /QL	PHYS 2010* Physics I 4.0 cr /PS	Review for pregression into BSAS/BAAS M1	Students can complete the fall semester of the M1 year by participating in a study abroad to Volterra, Italy.			ARCH 3611 Foundational Building Technology I 3.0 cr	ARCH 3375 Foundations of Building Technology II 3.0 cr		ARCH 4375 Environmental Building Technology II 3.0 cr	ARCH 4872 Building Technology Elective 1.5 cr
Exploration + Professional Practice	CMP 2010* Design Ecologies 3.0 cr /BF	DES 2630* Design Contexts 3.0 cr /FF								ARCH 4701 Professional Practice I 1.5 cr	
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