BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN ARCHITECTURE

Program Learning Outcomes for the BA Degree with a Major in Architecture

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

1. Formulate architectural projects that integrate design skills with critical thinking, engaging broader theoretical, social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental issues.
2. Explore how technology, issues of the environment, and construction inform innovative design solutions.
3. Strategize how the relationship of architectural concepts, communication and representation techniques, and construction technology can innovate practice.

Requirements for the BA Degree with a Major in Architecture

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/degrees).

Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in Architecture must complete:

- A minimum of 17 courses (75 credit hours) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 130 credit hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 11 courses (45 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A minimum of 55 credit hours outside of major requirements, 45 of which must be taken outside of the School of Architecture (courses outside of departmental (ARCH) course offerings), and 10 of which may be taken as free electives from any subject code.

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).) Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

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Elective Requirements

Complete 45 credit hours from any course offerings outside of ARCH course offerings

Complete 10 additional credit hours as free electives from any course offerings

Total Credit Hours 130

Required Plan-of-Study

Students must complete the required ARCH course offerings below in the sequence and semester prescribed the School of Architecture.

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Policies for the BA Degree with a Major in Architecture

The BA degree with a major in Architecture, leading to a Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) degree, is the primary undergraduate architecture program at Rice. Students who apply and are accepted into the University and the School of Architecture enter directly into this program. The required courses for the BA degree with a major in Architecture, leading ultimately to the BArch degree, consist of four integrated sequences in the following areas: Design, History and Theory, Technology, and Practice. Courses in these sequences must be taken in the order and semesters specified by the School of Architecture.

The curriculum for this professional degree program sequence has three two-year long stages. The first stage provides a foundation sequence in design, history and theory, and technology taken in the first and second years. Students are also expected to fulfill the majority of University general distribution requirements during these two years. The curriculum is designed to provide an intensive focus on architecture, while allowing each student to receive a broad education and to pursue other interests.

The second intermediate stage occurs in the third and fourth years. Students complete the courses required for the BA degree with a major in Architecture, remaining university requirements, and take electives through which each student can develop his or her particular interests in the field and in other areas. In their fourth year, students pursue a design research sequence through a seminar in the fall that is linked to the spring studio. At the end of this stage, and with the completion of all major and university requirements, students graduate, receiving the degree of a BA degree with a major in Architecture.

The third and final stage consists of the Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) degree and includes the year of Preceptorship. The BArch degree program is only open to students who have completed the first four years at the Rice School of Architecture and who apply for admission into this stage of the program during their fourth year. As with the approval for major two years prior, approval is based on satisfactory academic performance and preparation for the advanced studies of the BArch degree.

Transfer Credit
For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (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 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 Architecture 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://architecture.rice.edu/.

Opportunities for the BA Degree with a Major in Architecture

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 (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university) (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.
Additional Information
For additional information, please see the School of Architecture's website: [https://architecture.rice.edu/](https://architecture.rice.edu/).