BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE (BARCH) DEGREE

Program Learning Outcomes for the BArch Degree

Upon completing the BArch degree, students will be able to:

1. Innovate the knowledge and practice of architecture through advanced critical thinking, experimentation, and research.
2. Explore the practice of architecture through the Preceptorship Program, a year-long supervised internship in an architectural firm that subsequently informs advanced research and design.
3. Project innovative architectural practices and ideas through experimental research and design, synthesizing heterogeneous cultural and technical considerations into a coherent project.

Requirements for the BArch Degree

Students pursuing the BArch degree must complete:

- A minimum of 8 courses (62 credit hours) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 62 credit hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum grade of C (2.0 grade points) in each course.

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

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Degree Requirements

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<td>Select 1 from the following:</td>
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<td>ARCH 423 / ARCH 623</td>
<td>PROFESSIONALISM AND MANAGEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE</td>
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<td>1 ARCH course at the 300-level or above.</td>
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Select 9 credit hours from ARCH course offerings at the 300-level or above.

Total Credit Hours 62

Footnotes and Additional Information

1. All courses above must be taken in the sequence and semester prescribed by the School of Architecture and completed with a grade of C (2.0 grade points) or higher.
2. By accepting a place in the BArch degree program and Preceptorship, each student agrees to all the terms specified by Rice and/or the assigned Preceptorship office, including: registration fees, start and end dates, work responsibilities, performance expectations, and agreement to return to Rice the subsequent year. Failure to meet these expectations will result in an unsatisfactory grade evaluation and may prevent further progress in the program. Students’ concerns while on Preceptorship should be brought to the attention of the Director of External Programs as soon as possible. While on Preceptorship, a student remains a Rice student and is governed by applicable student codes of conduct, rights, and responsibilities.
3. Students will complete substitute a course at the 300-level or above from departmental (ARCH) offerings if the student completed ARCH 423/ARCH 623 during his/her first four years of study.
4. If students are attending the Rice School of Architecture in Paris, students must enroll in two semesters of ARCH 620 Architectural Problems as their studio courses, in place of ARCH 601 and ARCH 602.

Policies for the BArch Degree

The Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) degree program is open to students who have completed the undergraduate preprofessional architecture program at Rice. The BArch degree requires the successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree with a major in Architecture, completion of the two-semester preceptorship, and completion of two advanced option studios and approved lecture or seminar courses. Upon admission, students are assigned a preceptorship, which takes place immediately after receipt of the BA degree with a major in Architecture. The preceptorship program balances academic learning with professional experience. Students are assigned to work for a minimum of nine months in the United States or abroad with leading architectural offices designated by the school as Preceptors.

The academic year immediately following preceptorship, students must return for their final year of study to the School of Architecture, taking advanced level studios and courses. In this year, students may apply to Rice School of Architecture in Paris to complete a semester abroad. The autumn studios feature the Totalization studio, in which the student’s experience from preceptorship is integrated into academic research through a comprehensive design project. At the end of this final two-year stage, students graduate with a Bachelor of Architecture (professional) degree.

The Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) degree program is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and qualifies graduates to take the state professional licensing exams after completing the required internship in an architectural office.

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
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maintains the university's official list of transfer credit advisors on their website: http://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 BArch degree 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's website: http://architecture.rice.edu/.

Opportunities for the BArch Degree
Rice School of Architecture - Paris
BArch students in their fifth year may apply to RSAP to complete one semester in Paris.

Recent Preceptor Offices
- BAR (San Francisco)
- Pei, Cobb, Freed & Partners (New York)
- Bohlin Cywinski Jackson (San Francisco)
- Pelli Clarke Pelli (New Haven)
- Diller Scofidio & Renfro (New York)
- PLP (London)
- Ennead Architects (New York)
- Renzo Piano Building Workshop (Genoa)
- Johnston Marklee (Los Angeles)
- Rogers Partners (New York)
- Kieran Timberlake (Philadelphia)
- SHoP (New York)
- KPF (London)
- SOM (San Francisco)
- KPF (New York)
- Thomas Phifer & Associates (New York)
- Machado and Silvetti Associates (Boston)
- Weiss/Manfredi (New York)
- NADAAA (Boston)
- Zimmer Gunsul Frasca (Los Angeles)
- OMA (Hong Kong)