## ARCHITECTURE, B.Arch.

**Begin Campus:** University Park  
**End Campus:** University Park

### Degree Requirements

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6 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 6 credits of General Education GA courses.

### General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides opportunities for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements [here](https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

### Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)

- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

### Knowledge Domains

- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

### Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)

- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

### University Degree Requirements

#### First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

#### Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

#### Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

#### Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

#### Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

#### Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 [here](http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

#### Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 [here](http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

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ARCH 451  Architectural Professional Practice  3
ARCH 480  Technical Systems Integration  3
ARCH 499A  Rome Study-Architectural Design  6
ARCH 499B  Architectural Analysis  3
ARCH 499C  Urban Studies  3
ARCH 491  Architectural Design Studio (6 per semester, maximum of 12)  6-12
ARTH 201  Ancient to Medieval Architecture  3
ARTH 202  3

**Additional Courses**

*Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 6 credits of the following:  6

- ARCH 491  Architectural Design Studio (6, maximum 12)
- ARCH 492H  Architectural Design Studio
- ARCH 499F  Architectural Design Foreign Study

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

*Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 3 credits in non-Western traditions in architecture from approved department list  3

Select 15 credits in consultation with an academic adviser  1  15

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1. This category of course work gives students the freedom to explore a range of academic interests, develop concentrations, or pursue minors.