ARCHITECTURE, B.S.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Career Paths

The Bachelor of Science in Architecture program is a stepping stone for those seeking careers in architecture and related fields. Graduates holding a Bachelor of Science in Architecture can pursue a professional architecture degree, after which, they can undertake internships and professional state licensing examinations required for registration as architects. The B.S. in Arch program is a passageway to further one’s studies at the graduate level in design-related fields. The diversity and broad inquiry integral to architectural studies form a natural path to advanced studies in architecture, landscape architecture, computer science, geography, urban studies, system logistics, art history, and more.

Careers

The Bachelor of Science in Architecture – a non-professional degree option – provides a broad, rigorous, and rich course of study that opens doors to careers in nearly limitless fields. Graduates from the Penn State’s Department of Architecture have designed digital environments for major motion pictures, created branding and advertising for Fortune 100 companies, started businesses converting recycled materials into high-end lighting products, and designed custom jewelry. Note: if you are interested in a degree program that provides a direct path to pursue licensure and professional practice, you should undertake the B.Arch. professional degree program.

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

B.S. in Arch students may opt to pursue graduate programs in specialized topics or focus areas. Students interested in advanced research will be well-positioned to pursue a Master of Science in Architecture (M.S. in Arch) degree. The Penn State M.S. in Arch program is designed to strengthen the intellectual underpinnings of students’ undergraduate work through intensive studio investigations, design applications, and rigorous theoretical inquiry. Alternately, B.S. in Arch students might pursue Penn State’s M.Arch. professional degree in preparation for professional practice and licensure as an architect.

Professional Resources

- American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) (https://www.aias.org/)
- National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc. (NAAB) (https://www.naab.org/)