



## Study Architecture at Montana State University

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5 ½ -years to complete a Master of Architecture degree

- Fully accredited by National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)
- 4-year Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design + 3 semester Master of Architecture

10 semesters of Design Studios in our program

- Students start their design studio courses on the first day of their freshman year.
- Low Student : Faculty Ratios in Design Studio
  - 15:1 in the First year Program
  - 13:1 in all other years

Open Enrollment in First Year—no portfolio required to enter First Year

- Up to 78 students accepted into the Second Year of our Program
- 70-80% of students who apply to the Second Year of our program are typically accepted (3.0 cumulative first year GPA and portfolio submission of first year work required)

3 semesters of Graphic Studios in our program

- Curriculum includes both hand and digital graphics
- Students have access to CNC Milling machine, laser cutters, 3D printer, plasma cutter in studio courses
- Students and faculty received Best of Show and Best of Category awards for their graphics at *2012 Design Communication International Juried Drawing Exhibition*

50-75% of our undergraduates study abroad during the fourth year of our program

- Study abroad opportunities take place in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa

Design-build projects undertaken by our students and faculty have received AIA Montana Honor Awards for design

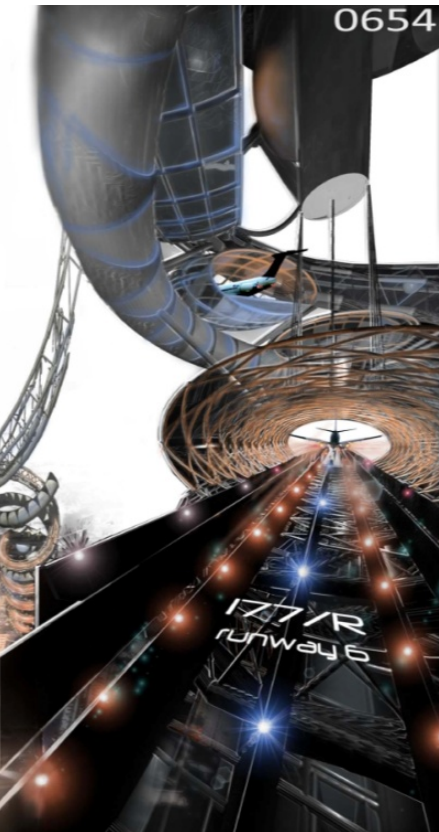
- Design build projects have taken place in the U.S., Nepal, Kenya, England and Morocco

MSU School of Architecture graduates **exceed the national passing rate in all 7 divisions** of the Architectural Registration Examination (ARE).

The US Bureau of Labor forecasts that job growth for architects over this decade will **exceed the average job growth** for all occupations in the U.S.

Outstanding skiing, hiking, biking, rock climbing, ice climbing and fishing are within 20 minutes of the MSU campus. Strong campus connection with the Bozeman community.

MSU School of Architecture was identified as a **“hidden gem”** amongst architectural schools by the magazine *Design Intelligence*.



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# Architecture: Education, Internship, Examination

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Architects must be licensed before they can practice as an architect or call themselves an architect. There are three main steps in becoming an architect: education, internship and examination.

### Education

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted a 6-year, 3-year, or 2-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

Montana State University, College of Arts and Architecture, School of Architecture offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

- **Master of Architecture** (pre-professional degree + 42 graduate credits)

The next accreditation visit for the Master of Architecture will take place in 2014.

Students who enter Montana State University as an undergraduate student enroll in our 4-year Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design degree (120 credits) and apply to our Master of Architecture program (42 credits) during their senior year. This is often referred to as a 4+1 program (4 years undergraduate study plus 1 calendar year of graduate study). Graduate architecture students are required to take one summer design studio as part of their 42 credit program. Similarly, some schools in the United States offer 4+3, 4+2 or 4+1½ programs that lead to a Master of Architecture degree.

### Internship

Most state architectural registration boards require architectural graduates to complete an internship in order to become licensed. The Intern Development Program (IDP) is comprehensive training program created to ensure that interns in the architecture profession gain the knowledge and skills for the independent practice of architecture. Additional information on IDP can be found at the National Council for Architectural Registration (NCARB) at [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org).

### Examination

All states require the completion of the Architect Registration Examination, in order to gain licensure within the 54 jurisdictions covered by NCARB. All jurisdictions require individuals to be licensed (registered) before they may call themselves architects and contract to provide architectural services.

