

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design Program of Study

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design (B.A.) 126 credits

4-year Undergraduate Degree

120–140 students admitted **52% M 48% F**

≈90–100 students

≈80–90 students apply each May

**1st
year**

Fall Semester 2025

ARCH 121IA Intro to Design*	3
ARCH 151RA Design Fundamentals I*	4
M 151Q PreCalculus* or M 171Q Calculus*	4
1 CORE Class (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS)	3

Semester Credit total 14

Spring Semester 2026

ARCH 113 Intro to Pro Practice*	1
ARCH 152IA Design Fundamentals II*	4
ARCH 161 Intro to Graphics*	1
PHSX 205 College Physics*	4
2 Core Classes (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS)	6

Semester Credit total 16

Apply for Formal Admission to the Environmental Design Program

Up to 78 qualified students admitted

- 2.7 overall GPA + 3.0 Studio GPA min.
- Portfolio
- *Courses completed prior to 2nd Year

Students are formally admitted to final three years of program. No application process at end of 2nd or 3rd year

**2nd
year**

Fall Semester 2026

ARCH 253 Architectural Design I	5
ARCH 261 Architectural Graphics I	3
ARCH 322IA World Architecture I	3
1–2 CORE Classes (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS)	3–6

Semester Credit total 14–17

Spring Semester 2027

ARCH 241 Building Construction I	3
ARCH 254 Architectural Design II	5
ARCH 262 Architectural Graphics II	3
ARCH 323IA World Architecture II	3
1 CORE Class (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS)	3

Semester Credit total 17

Student Enrollment Status

- 46% In-State
- 12% WUE
- 41.5% Out-of-State
- 0.5% International

Student Demographics

- 0.5% Asian
- 0.5% Black
- 4% Hispanic
- 2% Native American
- 32% Not Reported
- 0.7% Native Hawaiian/Island Pacific
- 2% Two or more races
- 58.2% White

**3rd
year**

Fall Semester 2027

ARCH 331 Environ Ctrl Systems I (ECS)	4
ARCH 343 Architectural Structures I	4
ARCH 355 Architectural Design III	5
ARCH 363 Architectural Graphics III	3

Semester Credit total 16

Spring Semester 2028

ARCH 332 Environ Ctrl Systems II (ECS)	4
ARCH 340 Building Construction II	4
ARCH 344 Architectural Structures II	4
ARCH 356 Architectural Design IV	5

Semester Credit total 17

≈60 students graduate in four years
with a B.A. in Environmental Design
≈90% graduation rate

**4th
year**

Fall Semester 2028

ARCH 431 Sustainability in Arch	3
Electives as needed	3–4
Take one of the following:	
ARCH 450 Community Design Center	5
ARCH 414/428 Foreign Study	9
ARCH 458 Architectural Design VI	5
ARCH 498 Arch Residency Design	6
1 CORE Class (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS)	3

Semester Credit total 15–18

Spring Semester 2029

ARCH 413 Professional Practice	3
ARCH 452 Arch Research Methods	3
ARCH 457 Architectural Design V	5
Non-Architecture Electives	3–4
1 CORE Class (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS) if (If needed)	3

Semester Credit total 14–17

Apply for Fall Admission to the M.Arch Program during January of 4th Year

≈60–65 students apply

≈50–55 students admitted—80% of our
undergraduate students

- 3.0 overall GPA
- 3.0 overall Studio GPA min.
- Portfolio
- Three letters of recommendation



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Master of Architecture

1½ Year Program of Study

Master of Architecture (M.ARCH) 42 credits NAAB Accredited Degree 1½-Year Program (3-4 semesters)

≈40–50 students admitted **51% M 49% F**

Fall Semester 2029

ARCH 558 Comprehensive Design	6
ARCH 535 Adv. Building Systems Integ	3
ARCH 526 Adv. Architectural Theory	3
Graduate Elective	3

Semester Credit total 15 credits

Spring Semester 2030

ARCH 551 Adv. Architecture Studio	6
ARCH 575 Professional Paper	4
(ARCH 575 must be taken in Spring semester)	
2 Graduate Electives	5–6

Semester Credit total 15–16

Optional Summer Semester

ARCH 551 Adv. Architecture Studio	6
Graduate Elective	3

Semester Credit total 9

Fall Semester 2030

ARCH 560 Masters Studio Project	6
(ARCH 560 must be taken in a Fall Term)	
2 Graduate Electives	6

Semester Credit total 12 credits

M.ARCH Time to Graduation

≈ 60% of students graduate in 3 semesters

≈ 40% of students graduate in 4 semesters

Graduate Electives may be taken from the following categories;

ARCH 471 - Directed Research	1–3
ARCH 521 - Architectural Theory	3
ARCH 522 - Historical Issues in Arch.	3
ARCH 523 - Issues in City Planning	3
ARCH 524 - Design Competition	3
ARCH 525 - Special Design Topic	3
ARCH 527 - Arch. Meaning and Place	3
ARCH 533 - Adv. ECS	3
ARCH 543 - Adv. Applied Design and Constr.	3
ARCH 545 - Adv. Structures	3
ARCH 556 - Adv. Studies in Interior Design	3
ARCH 564 - Adv. Architectural Graphics	3
ARCH 565 - Adv. Computer Applications	3
ARCH 566 - Photography for Architecture	3
Additional Graduate electives available in other departments	



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