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Architectural Studies Major and Civil Engineering Certificate for Architectural Studies majors

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Learning to think about architecture as both the product of a creative process and as a historical phenomenon are the principal goals of the University of Pittsburgh's bachelor's program in Architectural Studies. The program endeavors to create a rigorous curriculum and a supportive learning environment, allowing students to build skills and knowledge while developing close working relationships with peers and faculty. Students will gain a broad understanding of the complexity of architecture as a profession and as an academic discipline and will be well-positioned by their senior year to apply to accredited, graduate programs in architecture or historic preservation at universities in the United States and Canada. Students considering careers in architecture and historic preservation are encouraged to declare Architectural Studies by the end of their freshman year at Pitt.

The Architectural Studies curriculum draws primarily on courses offered in the Department of History of Art and Architecture and the Department of Studio Arts. Students are encouraged to explore related interests through course work in other departments, through off-campus study, and through a range of undergraduate teaching and research opportunities available through Pitt's University Honors College and the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.

As a pre-professional course of study, the program offers students the opportunity to explore their professional interests while acquiring a liberal arts education. Such preparation instills an intellectual maturity and a breadth of cultural experience that serve students to their advantage during professional career training. Students should be fully aware that a degree in architectural studies does not in itself constitute professional or technical training.

Each year, Architectural Studies sponsors a number of special events that enrich our experience and extend our knowledge of architecture. In the fall semester, Architectural Studies majors have the option to participate in a field trip to a major North American city and thus to gain a first-hand understanding of important architectural sites outside western Pennsylvania. In the spring semester, specialists from across the continent are invited to Pitt to participate in the annual Architectural Studies symposium. Finally, a number of on-going special projects centered on local sites and collections of exceptional interest allow students to participate in faculty-driven research.

Checklists outlining the requirements for the Architectural Design and Preservation minors are included in this document. The Architectural Studies Program's website is an invaluable resource for detailed information about current activities and projects, the curriculum in each track, and resources for students seeking to pursue careers in architectural professions. Please visit www.Arch.Pitt.edu.

Required courses for the major – Design track

The Design Track in the Architectural Studies major requires the completion of at least 47 credits including a Studio Arts concentration. They are distributed as follows.

Architectural Studies Courses

- ___ HAA 0103 Architectural Studies Proseminar 1
- ___ HAA 0104 Architectural Studies Proseminar 2
- ___ HAA 0940 Approaches to the Built Environment
- ___ HAA 1040 Architecture: Image, Text, Theory
- ___ HAA 1912 Architecture + Digital Media 1
- ___ HAA 1913 Foundation Studio 1 (6 credits)
- ___ HAA 1914 Architecture + Digital Media 2
- ___ HAA 1916 Design Studio 1 (6 credits) *
- ___ HAA 1917 Design Studio 2 (6 credits)

* A grade of C or better is required in HAA 1913 to enroll in HAA 1916.

Physics Course

- ___ PHYS 0110 Introduction to Physics 1

History of Architecture Courses

- ___ HAA 0040 Introduction to Western Architecture
- ___ HAA 0480 Modern Architecture
- ___ Additional HAA course in architectural history
- ___ Additional HAA course in architectural history

Required Studio Arts Concentration

- ___ SA 0130 Drawing Studio 1
- ___ SA 0140 Sculpture Studio 1
- ___ SA 1430 Perspective Drawing

Note: Proficiency in calculus is required for students seeking a career in architecture. It is highly recommended that students successfully complete at least one semester of college-level calculus (MATH 0220) before they graduate.

Required courses for the major – Preservation track

The Preservation Track in the Architectural Studies major requires the completion of at least 50 credits with a proscribed related area in either the History of Urban America or Public Service. They are distributed as follows.

History of Architecture Courses

- ___ HAA 0040 Introduction to Western Architecture
- ___ HAA 1530 Early American Architecture or HAA 1531 American Architecture Since Industrialization
- ___ Additional HAA course in architectural history
- ___ Additional HAA course in architectural history

Architectural Studies Courses

- ___ HAA 0103 Architectural Studies Proseminar 1
- ___ HAA 0104 Architectural Studies Proseminar 2
- ___ HAA 0940 Approaches to the Built Environment
- ___ HAA 1900 Architectural Studies Internship
- ___ HAA 1912 Architecture + Design 1
- ___ HAA 1913 Architectural Studies Seminar (6 cr.)

Preservation Courses

- ___ HAA 1920 Introduction to Historic Preservation
- ___ HAA 1921 Documentation + Conservation Studio (6 cr.)
- ___ HAA 1922 Preservation: Texts + Theory

Required Related Area

Every preservation track major must select either the History of Urban American or the Public Service related area. See www.Arch.Pitt.edu/Program/Preservation_Track.php for detailed discussion of the coursework for each.

Grade requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in those courses that count toward the major. A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required for the internship and a 3.00 for a recommendation to graduate school (although students wishing to apply to graduate school should maintain a minimum GPA of 3.25.)

Satisfactory/No Credit option

Only the experiential learning courses HAA 1900, HAA 1901, HAA 1904, HAA 1905, and HAA 1909 may be taken on an S/NC basis. None of these can be applied toward the architectural history course requirement.

Writing (W) requirement

Students must complete at least one W-course in the major. Each track has a w-course in its requirements (HAA 1040 for the Design track and HAA 1922 for the Preservation track.)

Advising

It is imperative that students who intend to pursue the architectural studies major contact the departmental advisor as soon as possible to discuss the recommended course sequence for each track, course availability, and entry into restricted classes.

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To set up an appointment, go to
<https://HAADepartmentAdvising.AcuityScheduling.com>

Civil Engineering Certificate for Architecture and Architectural Studies majors

A certificate in elementary structural engineering for architectural studies majors is available under the auspices of the Swanson School of Engineering's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. For further information, visit www.Arch.Pitt.edu/Program/Related-Areas.php#Civil-Engineering-Certificate.