School of Architecture

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BS in Architecture
The four-year Bachelor of Science in Architecture program provides
a preprofessional education in architecture within the broader context
of liberal arts courses provided by the University. The broad-based
knowledge and skills provided by a liberal arts education assures
graduates that they can adapt to the complex demands of a rapidly
changing profession and environment.

The preprofessional degree is useful for those who want a foundation in
the field of architecture as preparation for either continued education in a
professional degree program or for employment options in architecturally
related areas.

Qualified graduates from the BS in Architecture program may apply
for advanced standing in a professional Master of Architecture degree
program such as that offered at the University of Illinois at Chicago
or at other accredited schools of architecture. Graduates who do not
choose to continue into a professional degree program may work in
related architectural careers or apply for advanced degrees in landscape
architecture, urban design and planning, law, public policy, history/theory
of architecture, or business.

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from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite
for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB),
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BA in Architectural Studies
The Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies is an upper-level
undergraduate major that uses architecture and related design practices
as a lens through which to understand the history of ideas and cultural
invention. In addition, it exposes students to the synthetic environment
of the design studio, providing an introductory experience that some
students may wish to pursue later in graduate education.

The program operates as a two-year junior and senior program. It will
admit undergraduate students having completed two years of college,
either at UIC or at other institutions. Students interested in the program
who have not attained junior status will be enrolled in the College of
Liberal Arts and Sciences until such time as they are ready to apply.
Upon completion of the prerequisite course work, they may apply to the
program as intercollege transfer students. Admitted students will move as
a cohort through the junior and senior year programs, graduating at the
end of the two year program.

In addition to the understanding of contemporary architecture culture
provided by the program’s theory and history courses, students will
gain design experience in two introductory studio courses, and thus
have greater appreciation for the work and synthetic problem-solving
methods that comprises design. The major has enough University
elective offerings to enable students to pursue and potentially minor in
other areas of interest.

The Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies program is designed to
provide graduating students with everything they would need to prepare
an application that would be favorably received by three year Master of
Architecture (MArch) programs such as that offered by UIC. Graduates
who do not choose to continue into a professional degree program may
work in related architectural careers or apply for advanced degrees in
landscape architecture, graphic or industrial design, urban design and
planning, law, public policy, history/theory of architecture, or business.

Distinction
Distinction in architecture is awarded to students who qualify as
described below.

• Distinction: A grade point average of at least 3.30/4.00 in all
  Architecture courses.
• High Distinction: A grade point average of at least 3.50/4.00 in all
  Architecture courses.
• Highest Distinction: A grade point average of at least 3.70/4.00 in
  all Architecture courses.

Study Abroad
The School of Architecture offers a select number of study abroad
options. Further details are available from the School of Architecture.

Degree Programs
• BS in Architecture (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/
  architecture-design-arts/arch/bs-arch)
• BA in Architectural Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/
  architecture-design-arts/arch/ba-arch)

Minor
• Minor in Architectural Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/arch/minor-arch)