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.

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 two types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture and the Master of Architecture. For details on the graduate program, please refer to the School of Architecture website and the UIC Graduate Catalog.

Master's degree programs may consist of a preprofessional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree, which when earned sequentially comprise an accredited professional education. However, the preprofessional degree is not by itself recognized as an accredited degree.

BA in Architectural Studies

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)