

The architect's role is to determine: How can you leave this place better than you found it?

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of Architecture, Planning
& Landscape Architecture

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

The highly ranked, five-year NAAB-accredited Bachelor of Architecture prepares you for professional registration and practice in the field of architecture and design.

At CAPLA, we combine place-based design honed in the extreme climate and exquisite landscape of the Sonoran Desert with cutting-edge material and environmental research—all delivered through robust hands-on learning. As a B.Arch student, you will acquire a portable design sensibility, empowering you to develop critical modes of practice, regardless of where or how you practice.

In the B.Arch program you'll learn:

- How to design for climate and place
- Techniques, both digital and analog, for design representation and exploration
- Architectural history and theory
- Passive and active building technologies
- Digital fabrication and other advanced technologies
- How design should respond to materials, fabrication and construction
- The impact of sociocultural factors on design
- How to present your work visually, verbally and materially
- How to collaborate
- Professional practices and ethics
- Social justice and design for all

You'll graduate ready to thrive in a profession of increasing importance that is taking on climate change, growing urban populations, water scarcity and a post-pandemic world.

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CAREER OUTLOOK

Demand for trained architects is high and growing not only in Arizona, but around the world. Graduates can expect to work in:

- Professional architectural practice
- Construction
- Consulting
- Sustainability
- Preservation
- Computer gaming
- Film and video modeling and production
- Digital fabrication and manufacturing
- Civic advocacy
- Other sectors of the building and construction industry

Graduates who go into practice will have a wide range of practice opportunities—from commercial to residential, industrial to civic, new design to adaptive reuse, all to create the living, work and recreation environments of the future.

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UNITS

COURSE

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE CURRICULUM

166 UNITS REQUIRED

FALL 1

Foundation Studio 1A / Studio 1B ■
Thinking About Architecture A / B
First-Year Composition
Modeling with Algebraic and Trig. Functions
Intro to the General Education Experience

SPRING 1

Foundation Studio II ■
Physical Principles of the Built Environment
First-Year Composition
General Education: Exploring Perspectives
Second Language Semester 1

FALL 2

Design Studio I ■
Building Construction I
History and Theory of Architecture I
Techne I
Second Language Semester 2

SPRING 2

Design Studio II ■
Building Technologies I
History and Theory of Architecture II
Techne II
General Education: Exploring Perspectives

FALL 3

Design Studio III ■
Building Technologies II
Pre-Design
History and Theory of Architecture III
Techne III

SPRING 3

Design Studio IV ■
Building Construction II
Critical Inquiry and Expression
Contract Documents
General Education: Exploring Perspectives

FALL 4

Design Studio V ■
Building Technologies III
General Education: Exploring Perspectives
General Education: Building Connections

SPRING 4

Options Design Studio ■
Ethics and Practice
Research + Innovation Elective
Research + Innovation Elective
General Elective

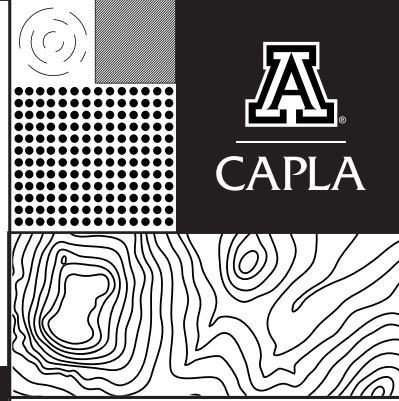
FALL 5

Options Design Studio II ■
Project Inquiry ■
Research + Innovation Elective
General Education: Building Connections
General Education Portfolio

SPRING 5

Capstone Studio ■
Research + Innovation Elective
General Education: Building Connections
General Elective

FOUNDATION STAGE



MILESTONE

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Admission from Foundation to the Core Stage is determined via a Milestone, which certifies architectural aptitude. It comprises a portfolio review and grade calculation. *Up to 90 qualified students are advanced to Core studies each year.*

ADMISSIONS

Students who meet the general admissions requirements of the University of Arizona and have a core unweighted high school GPA of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) will be automatically admitted into the Foundations Stage. Students who fall below a 3.5 core unweighted GPA and hold at least a 3.0 are still encouraged to apply. These students will be put through a holistic review process of their application including:

- Personal statement
- Activities resume
- Course rigor
- Types of classes taken

These should all speak to the student's ability and interest in art, design and/or architecture.

CAPLA does not require portfolios for undergraduate admissions.



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■ Course requires a grade of C or higher to proceed to the next in sequence.