

College of Architecture

Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts

The Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts is a unique collaboration in architecture, art, and design education, linking professional studio programs with one of the country's finest university art museums in the context of an internationally recognized research university.

The Sam Fox School is composed of the College of Architecture, the Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design, the College of Art, the Graduate School of Art, and the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum.

Architecture

Throughout history, architects have played a leading role in forming the environment and in interpreting the aspirations of societies in all parts of the world. As a practical and useful art, architecture embraces aesthetic, ethical, social, and technical responsibilities. Architecture responds to the way people live and, in turn, influences their lives.

Students considering an architectural education and architecture as a potential career express an excitement about design and building as well as a commitment to the environment. If students plan to study architecture, they should have creative ability and a good academic base. Personal interests in such areas as drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, building, and the environment suggest a possible aptitude for architecture.

Architecture reflects culture; architects must know their culture deeply. To gain an understanding of all aspects of architecture and to develop the aptitudes and skills necessary to deal with them, students must have a broad liberal arts education. This base of cultural understanding and critical thinking is combined with a curriculum that focuses intensely on the study of architecture.

Architecture is an absorbing, fascinating profession. Choosing architecture as a professional career requires a major educational commitment at the undergraduate level as well as further study in a professional degree program. With a professional degree in architecture, a graduate may choose to work in small or large architectural firms, in academia, in community or governmental organizations, with development teams, and in a variety of related fields.

Architecture at Washington University

Washington University established the Department of Architecture as part of the School of Engineering and Architecture in 1902. The School of Architecture became an independent division of the university in 1910. In 2005, as part of the formation of the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, the School of Architecture was reorganized as the College of Architecture and the Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design.

Our four-year undergraduate degree programs emphasize both physical and digital tools and techniques, which help students to become more creative thinkers and designers. All architecture students take similar courses during their first three years; courses taken during the fourth year will differ depending on each student's choice of program.

The **Bachelor of Science in Architecture** entails a more intensive study of architecture during the senior year. Students will take senior-level design studios focused on advanced building design along with structures courses, architectural history and theory courses that cover a broad range of topics, and technology courses in environmental systems.

The **Bachelor of Arts in Architecture** offers greater flexibility. During their senior year, students complete a capstone research project. With their remaining credits, they may choose to pursue courses in other areas of interest or take advanced architecture design studios and electives.

These undergraduate degree programs offer students the opportunity to gradually focus their undergraduate studies within the College and allow them to make an incremental commitment to a career in architecture. Should students choose to pursue a professional degree, the Bachelor of Science is the optimal springboard for graduate school; however, both programs prepare students to move on to master's degrees, positioning them for leadership positions in architecture and other related fields.

The College of Architecture faculty are nationally and internationally renowned practitioners and researchers who are committed to students' undergraduate experience. As academic advisors, they work with the director and the undergraduate chair to help students build an individualized curriculum, select specific courses, and chart plans for their future careers.

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