

ARCHITECTURE



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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

The Architecture Program at Kent State University offers a four-year degree in architecture leading to a Bachelor of Science. Advanced architecture students can also pursue a Master of Architecture degree at Kent State.

Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design offers the following degree programs in architecture:

- (1) Bachelor of Science; pre-professional studies leading to the
- (2) Master of Architecture; first professional degree, NAAB accredited.

At Kent State, both degrees are required for those students preparing for the architectural profession and planning to become registered architects. In addition to academic coursework/degrees, most state registration boards require at least three years of intern experience in prescribed areas of practical experience. The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has developed an Intern Development Program (IDP), which details training requirements. For additional information, contact <http://www.ncarb.org> or call 202-879-0520.

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 (from *NAAB Accreditation Guidelines*).

For additional information, go to <http://www.naab.org> and select "Accreditation" and "The Conditions for Accreditation."

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

At Kent State University all students seeking to become architects will enter the Bachelor of Science degree program. Students holding a nonarchitectural degree will be required to complete selected math and physics courses, in addition to the architectural pre-professional coursework, in order to earn the Bachelor of Science. Admission to the program is highly selective:

- *Direct admission into the program from high school* is on a continuous basis beginning in November for the following fall semester and is based on high school grade point average, class rank and ACT/SAT scores. Following acceptance into the university, students will be considered for acceptance as an architecture major following a separate review by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Typically, students selected for admission will have at least a 3.0 grade point average, composite ACT score of 25, SAT combined score of 1140 and a class rank in the top 20 percent.
- *Transfer into the program from another university* will be based on grade point average and university-level coursework with a minimum of 24 semester hours. Typically, students selected for admission will have at least a 3.0 grade point average and will have completed courses equivalent to Kent State's English 11011-21011, Math 12002 Analytic Geometry/Calculus, Algebra and Trigonometry, Art History 22006-22007 and several humanities and social science Kent Core requirements. The Admissions Office evaluates general coursework

and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design evaluates courses in architecture. Only architectural courses completed at institutions accredited by the NAAB will be considered. A portfolio of work is required for students seeking transfer credit for studio courses.

- *Summer Studio*, which is equivalent to Arch 10101-10102 First-Year Design Studio, is open to highly qualified students with at least one year of selected university coursework. Typically, students selected for admission will have at least a 3.0 GPA — see specific courses identified under "Transfer" above. Students successfully completing the 10-week program will enter at the second-year studio level the following fall semester.

The first two years of the Bachelor of Science program in architecture include Kent Core requirements in English, math, science- physics, humanities and social sciences. In architecture, the first two years include four semesters of design studio, architectural history, computer graphics and introduction to building structures. Students are required to furnish a graphics-level Notebook PC by the end of fall semester of the first year. Hardware and software requirements will be available to guide students. Acceptance into the third year is selective and based upon a review of academic progress. Typically, students admitted to the third year will have a minimum 2.50 overall GPA, a minimum 2.25 architecture GPA and will have completed all required first- and second-year architecture coursework. The third and fourth year of study toward the Bachelor of Science include four semesters of design studio and two semesters each of building structural systems, construction methods and materials and building environmental technology. The fourth year concludes with a full semester comprehensive design-technology studio which synthesizes previous coursework and is completely presented using computer graphics including two and three-dimensional representation.

Career Opportunities

The majority of students graduated from Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design enter the workforce as intern architects in the offices of professional architects. Many seek professional registration following the internship period. Others find employment in government or private industries. The building industry also offers a variety of professional and occupational options for persons trained in architecture.

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SPECIAL PROGRAM — THIRD YEAR SPRING SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design has conducted international studies programs in Florence, Italy, continuously since 1972. The program is located in the very heart of the old city in the 13th-century Palazzo Cerchi (which features massive stone walls and original wood beamed ceilings). Typically, 80 percent of the third year architecture students participate in this full semester program from January through May. The program includes coursework covering Italian culture/language, Renaissance art history and studios in classical drawing and building design. Selected field study has included Rome, Venice, Milan and Tuscan hill towns. The school offers full supporting services for participating students including pre-program briefing — travel preparation for students and parents, transportation and apartment accommodations.

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE PROFESSIONAL (NAAB ACCREDITED)

After completion of the Bachelor of Science, those students seeking to become architects will apply to the Master of Architecture program. Application to the graduate program requires a statement of purpose, curriculum vitae, portfolio of design work, a Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score on file, letters of support and relevant transcript(s). Students should apply no later than Jan. 31 for admission for the following fall semester. The first professional degree, a one-year Master of Architecture, normally requires four sessions (fall-spring-intersession-summer). Graduation requires satisfactory completion of all listed coursework with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The core required coursework includes three graduate design studios; a theory course and professional practice courses in real estate and development, contract and planning law, leadership and ethics, office and financial management. Architectural elective courses include history and theory, preservation, landscape and building technology.

POST PROFESSIONAL

This program is for students holding accredited first professional degrees (either the B.ARCH. or M.ARCH.). This research-based program allows each student to shape a course of study according to his/her own cultural and professional interests. Areas of focus include: Design Theory, Preservation, Urban Design, Building Technology, Sustainable Design and Building Management. This option may be especially attractive to international students not interested in a second professional degree and not intending to practice in the United States.

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE PLUS MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design offers the concurrent M.ARCH. plus M.B.A. two-year plus summer graduate program. The program provides an in-depth broadening of expertise in the fundamentals of professional architectural practice (NAAB accredited) and in business administration (AACSB accredited).

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE PLUS MASTER OF URBAN DESIGN

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design offers a concurrent Master of Architecture plus Master of Urban Design two year graduate program. The program provides the opportunity to consider both European and American approaches to urban design issues. The first fall semester is offered at Kent State's Florence, Italy, facility in the 13th-century Palazzo Cerchi. The program typically includes field study in London, Paris, Berlin, Naples, Turin and Rome. The next three semesters are offered at the Pointe Building in Cleveland, which is located three blocks from Public Square at the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative. This location provides a dynamic interaction with urban design issues to students. Some coursework may also be taken on the Kent Campus.

Architecture Bachelor of Science

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