BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design at Kent State University offers a four-year Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies (BA/ARCS) degree.

The Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies is a liberal arts program with an emphasis in design thinking that prepares students for graduate education in a diverse array of design professions. These fields may include architecture, landscape architecture, urban design/planning, construction management, graphic design, industrial design, real estate development, historic preservation and architectural history, among others.

In order to create a course of study that suits their own career and educational goals, students in this program supplement the Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies with minors, dual degrees and double majors offered by CAED and other academic colleges at Kent State University.

In the first year, students enroll in the Foundations Design Studio and Design Thinking courses, which they experience together with first-year Architecture and Interior Design students. The cornerstone of the second year is a studio course that gives ARCS students a basic introduction to the design processes used in several design professions. In the third and fourth years, students take courses that supplement the traditional lecture format with hands-on, immersive activities such as labs, design exercises, digital/analog fabrication projects and field trips to urban sites in northeast Ohio.

In the first semester of the third year, students also have the option of studying at Kent State’s facility in Florence, Italy.

The B.A. in Architectural Studies requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for graduation.

ADMISSION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Application deadline is Jan. 31. All applications must include the application fee, official American College Test (ACT)/Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores and an official high school transcript which shows class rank and coursework in ninth, 10th and 11th grades, as well as the courses that are being taken or will be taken in the senior year. Transcripts that do not show class rank and senior courses cannot be considered. All completed applications received by the deadline will be reviewed.

Applicants will be considered based on the following criteria:

- High school GPA.
- High school class rank.
- ACT/SAT scores.

Applicants will be notified of their admission status by March 1.

Those offered admission must notify the college of their acceptance by April 1. High school students who have applied to the Architecture Pre-Professional Program (B.S. in Arch.) and have not been accepted may qualify for admission into the Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies nonprofessional program.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design has conducted an international studies program in Florence, Italy, since 1972. The program is open to architectural studies students during the fall of the third year. The program typically includes coursework in Italian culture, language, history and classical drawing, as well as design studios. Field study in Rome, Venice, Milan and Tuscan hill towns is included in the Italian experience. The school offers supporting services for participating students including pre-program briefing for students and parents, travel preparation, transportation and living accommodations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Potential careers for BA/ARCS graduates of The College of Architecture and Environmental Design at Kent State University include: art curator, marketing/advertising consultant, architectural critic, manufacturer’s representative, architectural journalist, industrial designer and graphic designer. The BA/ARCS also prepares students for graduate studies in: historic preservation, architecture, library science, architectural history, landscape architecture, urban design and education.

Architectural Studies Bachelor of Arts

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