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About the School of Architecture

As an architect, you’ll need the technical skills to design buildings, sites, and cities—and the intellect to consider the role of design in the world. You’ll develop both at Syracuse’s highly ranked program, which combines advanced contemporary practice with theory and social engagement.

The Curriculum

The School of Architecture provides a five-year professional degree program in a collaborative, project-based environment. Your design education is fostered through extensive one-on-one communication with faculty, international architects, and distinguished visiting critics in the studio and through formal reviews.

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Related Careers

Although most graduates pursue a career in architecture, the bachelor of architecture degree (B-Arch) is also an excellent foundation for related fields. Recent graduates have gone into fields that include real estate development, environmental engineering, urban design, landscape design, interior design, furniture design, construction management, and exhibit installation.

Expand Your Skill Set

Your course of study in a professional degree program is embedded in a progressive liberal arts university. This provides you the ability to do cross-disciplinary work and pursue a minor in a variety of fields. Recent minors include:

- Architectural History
- Chinese Studies
- Computer Science
- Earth Sciences
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Geography
- Global Political Economy
- International Business
- Landscape Architecture
- Physics

Important Deadlines

- January 5: Regular Decision plan
- January 16: Regular Decision application and portfolio deadline
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- November 15: Early Decision application and portfolio deadline
- February 15: Final day to submit a portfolio of your work in art and design that represents your creative vision and technical capacities.
Highlights and Distinctions

Reputation
Syracuse’s undergraduate architecture program is ranked #3 in the United States by DesignIntelligence (2018), the industry’s leader for ranking design programs.

Faculty commitment
Unlike many programs, Syracuse Architecture has resident, full-time faculty who will help you develop your own aesthetic interests and design process. Faculty members bring their practical experiences to the classroom, and recent classes have explored architectural history, high-performance skins, urban design, and material experimentation.

Lecturers and critics
Attend lectures featuring architects, scholars, curators, theorists, and critics who contribute to the world of architecture, design, urbanism, and technology. As an upper-level student, you’ll have access to visiting critics from around the world who will teach you current theoretical approaches and design methods.

Get right to work
Because the bachelor of architecture degree (B.Arch.) combines an undergraduate liberal arts education with professional training, you’ll be on the path to becoming a registered and licensed architect, with no graduate school required.

Career guidance
The School of Architecture’s Office of Career Services will help you with everything from accessing the alumni network to interview training and portfolio preparation. Director Connie Caldwell was cited as a Most Admired Educator by DesignIntelligence for her ability to recognize student strengths and connect students with companies and professional practices.

Take part in student organizations
You’ll have access to more than 300 campus organizations, many specific to architecture, art, and design. These include the American Institute of Architecture Students, the Society of Multicultural Architects and Designers, the Architecture Student Organization, the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students, and Freedom by Design, which designs and builds small-scale projects for low-income and disabled members of the Syracuse community.
Global Campus

Broaden your perspective and enhance your education with off-campus study. You can spend a semester or full year studying abroad at the University’s centers in Florence and London, or at the Fisher Center in New York City. Programs are fully integrated into the curriculum and staffed by full-time faculty.

The school also offers summer and other short programs led by faculty. Past programs have included experiences in Turkey, Spain, Portugal, France, Netherlands, Scandinavia, Japan, Brazil, Ghana, and Switzerland, as well as visiting critic studio trips to: Shenzhen, China; Taipei, Taiwan; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Oslo, Norway.

“My education engendered a reverence for material and a respect for the site and budget that have contributed directly to my professional success.”
— Katherine Hogan ’05, principal, Tonic Design + Tonic Construction, Raleigh, NC

“One of the profound tools that I learned in the design studios at the School of Architecture was a rich and fertile understanding of scale, not only for buildings but for the spaces created between and around them.”
— Patrick Ahearn ’73, president, Patrick Ahearn Architects, Boston, MA

“Studying architecture in Florence, Italy, fostered one of the most energetic, fun, culturally immersive, comfort-zone-shattering, design-driven, inspirational semesters of my undergraduate education—truly essential.”
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Design, landscape design, interior design, furniture design, construction management, and the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree. Doctor of architecture and master of architecture degree programs may require a pre-professional undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, a pre-professional undergraduate degree is not required for admission. 

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Accreditation

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Entrepreneurship Economics Earth Sciences Computer Science Chinese Studies Architectural History in a variety of fields. Recent minors include:

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Minimal curricular modifications are possible, effective fall 2018.

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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 three types of

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