



FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Department of Architecture at the University of Colorado Denver offers a Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree program on the downtown Denver campus. The program’s design studio-based curriculum combines critical thinking with active making in pursuit of creative solutions to contemporary design problems. In their first three years of study, students learn the fundamentals of design, how to apply them to the design of buildings, neighborhoods, and cities, and how to graphically communicate a design solution. In their senior year, students have the option to choose one of two curricular tracks: The **Architectural Design Track** and the **Architectural Studies Track**.

The **Architectural Design Track** is for students who intend to pursue a professional Master of Architecture degree (MArch) and a professional career in architecture. This track optimally prepares students for admission to a two-year accredited graduate architecture degree program in the United States, Canada, or compatible degree programs internationally.

The **Architectural Studies Track** offers students a less prescribed path, with greater freedom to shape the direction of their studies in the senior year. Based on individual interests and projected career paths, students who choose this track will have the opportunity to focus on one or more areas of study in architecture and/or allied disciplines. These include architectural history/theory, technology, and/or visualization, among other options.

In addition to offering a strong foundation in architecture, both the Architectural Design and the Architectural Studies tracks prepare students to pursue graduate studies and future careers in allied design disciplines, including Digital Design (games and animation), Industrial Design, Graphic Design, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, and Real Estate Development, among others.

Whereas students who choose the **Architectural Design Track** are optimally prepared for admission to a two-year accredited graduate architecture degree, students who choose the **Architectural Studies Track** and later in their careers decide to pursue a professional graduate degree in architecture, they may be required to take additional courses at the graduate level, including additional design studios, to meet the stringent requirements of a professional Master of Architecture degree.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Fully admitted students in the BS ARCH program are supported by undergraduate advising housed within CAP Student Services. *Pre-Architecture* (CLAS) students must meet with an advisor in the Center for Undergraduate Exploration and Advising (CUE&A) each semester before they can register for classes.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, BS ARCH, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, evaluation of transfer coursework in the major, and campus resources contact:

**CAP Undergraduate Advising**

[CAP\\_UGAdvising@ucdenver.edu](mailto:CAP_UGAdvising@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the department website [here](#)

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Students admitted to the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences as *Pre-Architecture* are required to meet with an advisor in the Center for Undergraduate Exploration & Advising (CUE&A).

**Center for Undergraduate Exploration & Advising (CUE&A)**

[CUEA@ucdenver.edu](mailto:CUEA@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the CUE&A website [here](#)

Student Commons Building 1113

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For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

**Undergraduate Admissions**

[Admissions@ucdenver.edu](mailto:Admissions@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the Transfer Admissions website [here](#)

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

Students are responsible for meeting with a CAP academic advisor to confirm major requirements and progress made toward degree completion. Students completing the B.S. in Architecture degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements (full information available at [catalog.ucdenver.edu](http://catalog.ucdenver.edu)):

- 1) Students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours.
- 2) Students must maintain at least a 2.0 University of Colorado cumulative grade point average to remain in good standing.
- 3) A total of at least 45 upper-division (3000/4000 level) credits is required.
- 4) Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours from CU Denver, including at least three design studios.
- 5) Students must repeat *required* architecture core courses in which a grade lower than C- is earned in order to fulfill requirements. CAP and ARCH electives are not included; see degree plan for more details.

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### COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a set of courses that students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, and is dependent upon the students home college offerings. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com). **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver CAP academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver course work must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer. **NOT ALL CCCS Equivalent classes are available at every CCCS campus. Please work closely with your academic advisor to discuss course availability at your specific campus.**

CU Denver Core			ARCH Major		
Requirements	CCCS Equivalent	CRS	Requirements	CCCS Equivalent	CRS
ENGL 1020	GT-CO1 or GT-CO2	3	MATH 1120 College Trigonometry	MAT 122 College Trigonometry	3
ENGL 2030	GT-CO2 or GT-CO3	3	ARCH 1110 Intro to Architecture	AEC 100 Intro to Design Theory	3
Mathematics (College Algebra or higher)	GT-MA1 (MAT 121 College Algebra)	4	ARCH 3130 Const. Prac.: Mat & Str. Sys.	AEC 109 OR AEC 116 Bldg Materials I	3
Science with Lab	GT-SC1 (PHY 111)	5	ARCH 3430 Cons. Prac.: Bldg. Envelope	AEC 209 Bldg Materials II	3
Arts	GT-AH	3	ARCH 3330 Building Systems I	AEC 208 Bldg Env Systems I	3
Humanities	GT-AH	3	ARCH 4440 Building Systems II	AEC 210 Bldg Env Systems II	3
Behavioral Sciences	GT-SS	3	ARCH 3340 Theory of Structures I	AEC 205 OR AEC 206 App Statics/Struct.	3
Social Sciences	GT-HI	3	ARCH 1711 Visualization I	AEC 104 OR AEC 110 <b>w/ portfolio review*</b>	3
International Perspectives	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS	3	ARCH Elective 1	Consult ARCH Elective list below	3
Cultural Diversity	CCCS Courses will not fulfill this requirement	--	ARCH Elective 2	Consult ARCH Elective list below	3
CAP Foreign Language Proficiency	FOL 111 and FOL 112**		ARCH Elective 3	Consult ARCH Elective list below	3
			<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>33</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>			

**\*Design Portfolio Review:** The transfer and applicability of credits relating to AEC 104 or AEC 110 are contingent upon a satisfactory portfolio review of work completed in this respective class. Portfolio reviews are conducted by the Architecture Department faculty and are used to evaluate student work for the minimum skills necessary to support student success in the design studio sequence in the BS ARCH program.

**\*\*CAP Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement** This plan assumes completion of the CAP Foreign Language Proficiency requirement through non-curricular means (e.g. completion of level II high school coursework, satisfactory proficiency test, or experiential waiver). Please contact CAP Advising to learn more about your options to complete this requirement, if actual coursework is needed.

### ARCH Elective coursework: Select up to 9 credit hours from the following courses to apply as ARCH electives; only 3 credits max. may be transferred from CAD coursework.

AEC 101, Basic Architectural Drafting (4 cr.)  
AEC 102, Residential Construction Drawing (4 cr.)  
AEC 121, Construction Materials and Systems (3 cr.)  
AEC 122, Construction Practices & Documents (2 cr.)  
AEC 123, Commercial Construction Drawing (4 cr.)  
AEC 125, History of Architecture (3 cr.)  
AEC 215, Elementary Site Planning (3 cr.)

AEC 218, Sustainable Building Systems (3 cr.)  
AEC 219, LEED Exam Preparation (3 cr.)  
AEC 221, Building Electrical/Mech. Systems (3 cr.)  
AEC 225, Architectural Design & Development (4 cr.)  
AEC 228, Contracts & Legal Environment (3 cr.)  
AEC 236, International Building Codes (3 cr.)  
AEC 255, Professional Workplace Skills & Presentations (3 cr.)

CAD 102, Computer-Aided Drafting II (3 cr.)  
CAD 104, CAD for Architecture (3 cr.)  
CAD 115, Sketchup (3 cr.)  
CAD 217, Rhino (3cr.)  
CAD 224, Revit Architecture (3 cr.)  
CAD 227, Advanced Revit Architecture (3 cr.)  
IND 100, Interior Design Fundamentals (4 cr.)  
IND 107, History of Interior Design (3 cr.)

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### SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The sample academic plan of study below is a sample pathway to completing the bucket of courses above prior to transferring. Students must work with their community college advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for course availability and sequencing at the home campus, previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, etc.), summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, etc. **Not all courses shown in the bucket will be available at all CCCS campuses.**

Year One	Semester 1		CRS
	CU Denver Requirements	CCCS Requirements	
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	GT-CO1 or GT-CO2	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics	GT-MA1 Course – MAT 121 C. Algebra	4
	ARCH 1110 Intro to Architecture	AEC 100 Intro to Design Theory	3
	CU Denver Core Social Science	GT-SS1-3 Course	3
	General Elective	ART 121 Drawing I <i>recommended</i>	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>	

	Semester 2		CRS
	CU Denver Requirements	CCCS Requirements	
	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	GT-CO2 (with GT-CO1) or GT-CO3 (with GT-CO2)	3
	MATH 1120 College Trigonometry	MAT 122 College Trigonometry	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities	GT-AH1-4 Course	3
	ARCH 1711 Visualization I (*w/review)	AEC 104 or 110 (transfers as 3 credits)	4
	ARCH Elective	Select course from ARCH Elective list	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>	

Year Two	Semester 3		CRS
	CU Denver Requirements	CCCS Requirements	
	PHYS 2010 & PHYS 2321 College Physics	PHY 111 Algebra-based Physics w/Lab	5
	CU Denver Core Arts	GT-AH1-4 Course	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	GT-SS1-3 Course	3
	ARCH 3130 Materials & Struct. Systems	AEC 109 or 116 Bldg Materials I	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

	Semester 4		CRS
	CU Denver Requirements	CCCS Requirements	
	CU Denver Core Science non-Lab	GT-SC2 Course	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	GT- HI Course	3
	ARCH 3340 Structures I	AEC 205 or 206 Applied Stat/Strct.	3
	ARCH Elective	Select course from ARCH Elective list	3
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<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>	

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This plan maps to the BS ARCH – Architectural Studies track; students may complete the BS ARCH – Architectural Design track, but doing so will involve two additional semesters of studio classes, at minimum. Assuming successful completion of the complete set of courses outlined above of, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors. <sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended

Year Three	<b>Semester 5</b>	CRS
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
	ARCH 2111 Design Studio I <sup>PE</sup>	6
	CAP Elective	3
	ARCH Elective <sup>PE</sup>	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

	<b>Semester 6</b>	CRS
	ARCH 2121 Design Studio II <sup>PE</sup>	6
	ARCH 2230 Architectural History I	3
	ARCH 3430 Construction Practices II <sup>PE</sup>	3
	ARCH 1721 Visualization II <sup>PE</sup>	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Year Four	<b>Fall</b>	CRS
	ARCH 3111 Design Studio III <sup>PE</sup>	6
	ARCH 3230 Architectural History II <sup>PE</sup>	3
	CAP Elective	3
	General Elective	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

	<b>Spring</b>	CRS
	ARCH 3121 Design Studio IV <sup>PE</sup>	6
	CAP Elective <sup>PE</sup>	3
	CAP Elective <sup>PE</sup>	3
	General Elective	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>