



FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Department of Architecture at the University of Colorado Denver offers a pre-professional Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree program, and students may choose one of two curricular tracks: The **Architectural Design Track** and the **Architectural Studies Track**.

The **Architectural Design Track** is for students who desire additional Design Studios to hone their design skills. This track also prescribes additional history and technical course work to support design thinking and application.

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.

Both tracks will allow students to complete a four studio-track professional Master of Architecture degree (MArch) at CU Denver and pursue a professional career in architecture. 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.

Both tracks prepare students for admission to a two-year (minimum) accredited graduate architecture degree program in the United States, Canada, or compatible degree programs internationally. Advanced standing in a Master of Architecture program can be maximized in either track by selecting elective courses in technical studies and professional practice typically recognized by accredited graduate architecture degree programs. **Students should meet with a CAP academic advisor for guidance on determining which track is best suited for their academic and professional goals, as well as their plans to transfer to CU Denver.**

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Undergraduate students admitted into the College of Architecture and Planning are supported by CAP Undergraduate Advising.

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
Visit the department website [here](#)
CU Building, 2nd Floor
303-315-1000

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

Undergraduate Admissions
Admissions@ucdenver.edu
Visit the Transfer Admissions website [here](#)
Student Commons 1005
303-315-2601

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):

- 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 39 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. **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 1420 College Trigonometry	3
ENGL 2030	GT-CO2 or GT-CO3	3	ARCH 1110 Intro to Architecture	AEC 1100 Intro to Design Theory	3
Mathematics (College Algebra or higher)	GT-MA1 (MAT 1340 College Algebra)	4	ARCH 3130 Const. Prac.: Mat & Str. Sys.	AEC 1009 OR AEC 1510 Bldg Materials I	3
Science with Lab	GT-SC1 (PHY 1111)	5	ARCH 3430 Cons. Prac.: Bldg. Envelope	AEC 2009 Bldg Materials II	3
Arts	GT-AH	3	ARCH Elective 1	Consult ARCH Elective list below	3
Humanities	GT-AH	3	ARCH Elective 2	Consult ARCH Elective list below	3
Behavioral Sciences	GT-SS	3	ARCH Elective 3	Consult ARCH Elective list below	3
Social Sciences	GT-HI	3	ARCH Elective 4	Consult ARCH Elective list below	3
International Perspectives	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS	3			
Cultural Diversity	CCCS Courses will not fulfill this requirement	--			
CAP Foreign Language Proficiency	FOL 1011 and FOL 1012*				
Total Credit Hours		30	Total Credit Hours		24

*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 12 credit hours from the following courses to apply as ARCH electives; only 3 credits max. may be transferred from CAD coursework.

AEC 1210, Basic Architectural Drafting (4 cr.) AEC 1220, Architectural Drawing Theory (4 cr.) AEC 1231, Residential Construction Drawing (4 cr.) AEC 1250, Arch Design & Modeling (4 cr.) AEC 1520, Construction Materials and Systems (3 cr.) AEC 1600, Construction Practices & Documents (2 cr.) AEC 1232, Commercial Construction Drawing (4 cr.) AEC 1110, History of Architecture (3 cr.) AEC 2010, Building Env Systems II (3 cr.) AEC 2520, Building Env Systems I (3 cr.)	AEC 2540, Elementary Site Planning (3 cr.) AEC 2300, Sustainable Building Systems (3 cr.) AEC 2310, LEED Exam Preparation (3 cr.) AEC 2410, Applied Statics and Strengths (3 cr.) -or- AEC 2411, Applied Structural Analysis (3 cr.) AEC 2550, Building Electrical/Mech. Systems (3 cr.) AEC 2230, Architectural Design & Development (4 cr.) AEC 2640, Contracts & Legal Environment (3 cr.) AEC 2700, International Building Codes (3 cr.) AEC 2930, Professional Workplace Skills & Presentations (3 cr.)	CAD 1102, Computer-Aided Drafting II (3 cr.) CAD 1104, CAD for Architecture (3 cr.) CAD 1110, Sketchup (3 cr.) CAD 1115, Rhino (3cr.) CAD 2220, Revit Architecture (3 cr.) CAD 2204, AutoCAD Architecture (3 cr.) CAD 2221, Advanced Revit Architecture (3 cr.) IND 1100, Interior Design Fundamentals (4 cr.) IND 1102, History of Interior Design (3 cr.) IND 2204, Estimating Interior Materials (3 cr.) IND 2300, Interior Construction (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 1340 C. Algebra	4
	ARCH 1110 Intro to Architecture	AEC 1100 Intro to Design Theory	3
	CU Denver Core Social Science	GT-SS1-3 Course	3
	General Elective	ART 1201 Drawing I <i>recommended</i>	3
Total Credit Hours		16	

Year One	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 1420 College Trigonometry	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities	GT-AH1-4 Course	3
	ARCH Elective	Select course from ARCH Elective list	3
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Total Credit Hours		15	

Year Two	Semester 3		CRS
	CU Denver Requirements	CCCS Requirements	
	PHYS 2010 & PHYS 2321 College Physics	PHY 1111 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 1009 or 1510 Bldg Materials I	3
	Total Credit Hours		14

Year Two	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 3430 Building Envelope	AEC 2009 Bldg Materials II	3
	ARCH Elective	Select course from ARCH Elective list	3
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Total Credit Hours		15	

SAMPLE PLAN FOR BS ARCH: ARCH STUDIES TRACK, COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

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. ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended

Year Three	Semester 5		CRS
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity		3
	ARCH 2111 Design Studio I ^{PE}		6
	ARCH 1711 Visualization I		3
	CAP Elective ^{PE}		3
	Total Credit Hours		15

Year Three	Semester 6		CRS
	ARCH 2121 Design Studio II ^{PE}		6
	ARCH 2230 Architectural History I		3
	ARCH 1721 Visualization II ^{PE}		3
	ARCH Elective ^{PE}		
	Total Credit Hours		15

Year Four	Fall		CRS
	ARCH 3111 Design Studio III ^{PE}		6
	ARCH 3230 Architectural History II ^{PE}		3
	CAP Elective ^{PE}		3
	General Elective		3
	Total Credit Hours		15

Year Four	Spring		CRS
	ARCH 3121 Design Studio IV ^{PE}		6
	CAP Elective ^{PE}		3
	CAP Elective ^{PE}		3
	General Elective		3
	Total Credit Hours		15



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