

ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES MAJOR (B.S.)

Purpose

The B.S. Architectural Studies major prepares future architects to transform society as Champions for Christ through academic excellence, design innovation, and mission-driven community engagement. Students learn social responsibility, ethical practice, history and theory, creative thinking, and architectural design processes that prepare them to practice as skilled professionals, engaged citizens, and design leaders.

Within rich theological bearings, the program generates and applies relevant architectural knowledge, design practices, and performance technologies that advocate for flourishing communities and address 21st century global challenges.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Understand theories and ethics of architectural practice integrated with a biblical worldview and framed by diverse forces and impacts.
- Demonstrate foundational skillsets, principles, methodologies, and processes to inform and effectively communicate design decisions.
- Analyze and produce architectural design solutions in regard to materials, tectonics, and assemblies.
- Assess and communicate design, economics, and performance objectives of projects in regard to structural technologies, construction assemblies, and environmental systems.
- Apply inquiry and design methods across various media in response to varying problems, programs, agencies, and contexts to create effective architectural design solutions.
- Synthesize user requirements, regulatory requirements, site conditions, accessibility, and consideration of measurable environmental impacts of design through complex architectural projects.

Program of Study

Delivery Format: Online Only

- Architectural Studies (B.S.) - Online

Career Opportunities

Directly Related to Architecture:

- **Architectural Designer:** Work in architectural firms assisting with design development, drafting, and model making.
- **CAD Technician/Drafter:** Create technical drawings and models using computer-aided design (CAD) software.
- **Interior Designer:** Focus on the design of interior spaces, including selection of furnishings, materials, and finishes.
- **Architectural Assistant:** Provide support to architects in various tasks, such as research, project management, and client communication.
- **Historic Preservation Specialist:** Research, document, and preserve historic buildings and sites.
- **Urban Planner:** Contribute to the design and development of cities and communities.

Related Fields Leveraging Design Skills:

- **Construction Project Manager:** Oversee the planning, execution, and completion of construction projects.
- **Real Estate Developer:** Identify and develop land for residential, commercial, or industrial use.
- **Exhibit Designer:** Create engaging and informative exhibits for museums, galleries, and trade shows.
- **Graphic Designer:** Apply design principles to visual communication in various media.
- **Set Designer:** Design sets for theater, film, and television productions.
- **Landscape Architect:** Design outdoor spaces, including parks, gardens, and residential landscapes.

Further Education & Specialization:

- **Master of Architecture (M.Arch):** Required for licensure as an architect, allowing for independent practice and design leadership.
- **Specialized Master's Degrees:** Focus on areas like sustainable design, urban design, or historic preservation.