

Architectural Studies, BSD

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Expand your passion for space and environments, and how people engage with them. You'll develop the intellectual, artistic and technical skills you'll need to pursue a future in architecture. This program acknowledges the evolving essence and variety of architectural jobs.


Program description

The preprofessional BSD program in architectural studies offered by The Design School helps students understand architecture as both a cultural expression and technical achievement, and it offers an interdisciplinary approach to architecture.

Students are prepared for alternative practices with architecture firms and in related fields such as landscape architecture, engineering, art, construction, urban planning, urban design and historic preservation, or for graduate studies in the professional Master of Architecture program, in business fields or in law.

This program offers two possible paths: cross-disciplinary focus and professional focus. For the first three years, all students take two project-topic courses yearly, together with other classes, to develop their skills. In the third year, students intending to pursue professional licensure as a registered architect must declare to their advisor their interest in pursuing the professional focus.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics or any math course that meets the MATH designation.
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute or one of its programs must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Develop design fundamentals in the context of diverse visual settings, demonstrating familiarity with their understanding of their core principles.
- Critically evaluate their designs and methodology to develop visual works that convey messages to broad audiences.
- Develop skills to creatively address ecological, cultural and social issues.

Global opportunities

Global experience

International experiences supplement a major in architectural studies while also introducing students to new cultures, skills and perspectives. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, students in architectural studies can learn about the complex differences between societies, which fosters a sense of empathy and understanding of the many ways people live in this world.

With more than 300 options available, [Global Education programs](#) enable students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. The Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in architectural studies.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the bachelor's degree program are prepared for graduate school as well as a range of design-related careers.

Those who wish to become licensed can complete their professional studies by attending an accredited professional master's degree program. The Design School offers a two-year professional MArch degree for graduates of the undergraduate program.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Architect</u> 🌟	4.8%	\$82,840
<u>Architecture Professor</u>	3.8%	\$93,220
<u>CAD Operator (Computer Aided Design Operator)</u>	0.9%	\$64,240
<u>Drafting Technician</u>	0.6%	\$59,820
<u>Engineering Manager</u>	4.1%	\$159,920

<u>Historian</u>	3.1%	\$64,540
<u>Landscape Architect</u>	0.7%	\$73,210
<u>Mechanical Drafter</u>		\$61,310
<u>Solar Energy Systems Engineer</u>	3.3%	\$104,600

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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