

ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES - B.A.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Center for Architecture and Environmental Design

Kent Campus

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Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Architectural Studies is a liberal arts program that exposes students to the theory and processes of design, and prepares them for directed graduate study and careers in a variety of design-related disciplines.

As the only liberal arts degree in Kent State's College of Architecture and Environmental Design, the Architectural Studies major allows students to pursue dual degrees, double majors and/or multiple minors in related fields such as art history, business, construction management, fashion, geography, history, marketing, music, physical/life sciences, studio arts, urban studies, visual communications design and others. The program includes required design studios; lecture/studio hybrid courses; and seminars on architectural history, theory/criticism, urban issues and theories of sustainability. Additionally, students take architecture electives, which allow them to explore digital design processes, landscape architecture and urban design, or to pursue a minor in architectural history or historic preservation.

Students have the option of graduating with a streamlined dual degree, the B.A. degree in Architectural Studies and the B.S. degree in Construction Management.

Students may take advantage of the semester-long study abroad program in Florence, Italy, in any semester after successful completion of AED 10101 and AED 10102. This program is open to all students who have made satisfactory progress toward completion of their undergraduate program. While in Florence, students may take design studios, electives, foreign language courses in Italian, and/or courses that may count towards a minor.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions,

including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the language, logic and rhetoric of design, and ability to deploy this understanding in design projects, research, analysis and critique.
2. Demonstrate abilities in design thinking, visual thinking, critical thinking and design discourse.
3. Demonstrate skills in research and apply these skills to the design of the built environment.
4. Recognize the value of cultural diversity and a broad range of historical traditions.
5. Demonstrate understanding of the interconnectedness of the allied design disciplines, and the ability to articulate relationships between these professions and other areas of study
6. Appreciate a wider range of contrasting perspectives on sustainability, recognize the relationship between these perspectives and the design of the built environment, and advocate for specific positions
7. Utilize and interpret literature and data related to environments and their design
8. Demonstrate leadership skills in cross-disciplinary settings

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

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| Destination Kent State: First Year Experience | 1 |
| Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission. | |
| Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG) | 2 courses |
| Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core. | |
| Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR) | varies |

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| Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience. | |
| Kent Core (see table below) | 36-37 |
| Writing-Intensive Course (WIC) | 1 course |
| Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course. | |
| Upper-Division Requirement | 39 (or 42) |
| Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours. | |
| Total Credit Hour Requirement | 120 |
| Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours. | |

Kent Core Requirements

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| Kent Core Composition (KCOMP) | 6 |
| Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) | 3 |
| Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each) | 9 |
| Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines) | 6 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory) | 6-7 |
| Kent Core Additional (KADL) | 6 |
| Total Credit Hours: | 36-37 |

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA) | | |
| AED 10101 | DESIGN FOUNDATIONS STUDIO I | 3 |
| AED 10102 | DESIGN FOUNDATIONS STUDIO II | 3 |
| ARCH 10011 | GLOBAL ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY I (KFA) | 3 |
| ARCH 10012 | GLOBAL ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY II (KFA) | 3 |
| ARCH 45213 | 20TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY | 3 |
| ARCS 20121 | STUDIO FOR ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES | 4 |
| ARCS 30123 | MATERIALS AND PROCESS OF MAKING ¹ | 3 |
| ARCS 30124 | METHODS AND THEORIES OF REPRESENTATION | 3 |
| ARCS 30321 | STRUCTURAL TYPOLOGY ² | 3 |
| ARCS 30421 | ENVIRONMENTAL IMPERATIVES | 3 |
| ARCS 40022 | URBAN DESIGN DISCOURSE (ELR) | 3 |
| ARCS 40114 | THEORY AND CRITICISM IN ARCHITECTURAL MEDIA (WIC) ³ | 3 |
| Architecture (ARCH) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) ⁴ | | 12 |
| Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA) | | |
| ARTH 22006 | ART HISTORY: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL ART (KFA) | 3 |
| ARTH 22007 | ART HISTORY: RENAISSANCE TO MODERN ART (KFA) | 3 |
| PHIL 11009 | CRITICAL THINKING (KADL) | 3 |
| UC 10097 | DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE | 1 |
| Foreign Language ⁵ | | 11-15 |
| Kent Core Composition | | 6 |
| Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning | | 3 |
| Kent Core Humanities | | 3 |

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| Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines) | 6 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory) | 6-7 |
| Non-Architecture Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 121 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours) | 27 |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | 121 |

- Students declaring a dual degree program with the B.S. in Construction Management may substitute CMGT 21071 for ARCS 30123.
- Students declaring a dual degree program with the B.S. in Construction Management may substitute TECH 33111 for ARCS 30321.
- A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- Students declaring a dual degree program with the B.S. in Construction Management may substitute CMGT 42110 for 3 credit hours of Architecture upper-division electives.
- Students declaring a dual degree program with the B.S. in Construction Management may substitute ACCT 23020, ECON 22060; ECON 22061 and MKTG 25010 for the foreign language requirement.

Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Major GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
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| 2.250 | 2.000 |

- Dual degree-seeking students who are also declared in the Construction Management major are required to complete a minimum total of 140 credit hours.
- Students in the Architectural Studies major are required to declare and complete a minor. Students may select any minor available at Kent State University. The number of credit hours required to complete the minor depends on the minor selected.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

| Semester One | | Credits |
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| ! | AED 10101 DESIGN FOUNDATIONS STUDIO I | 3 |
| | UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE | 1 |
| | Foreign Language | 4-5 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Credit Hours | 14 |
| Semester Two | | |
| ! | AED 10102 DESIGN FOUNDATIONS STUDIO II | 3 |
| | ARTH 22006 ART HISTORY: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL ART (KFA) | 3 |
| | PHIL 11009 CRITICAL THINKING (KADL) | 3 |
| | Foreign Language | 4-5 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Credit Hours | 16 |
| Semester Three | | |
| | ARCH 10011 GLOBAL ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY I (KFA) | 3 |
| | ARTH 22007 ART HISTORY: RENAISSANCE TO MODERN ART (KFA) | 3 |
| | Foreign Language | 3-5 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Credit Hours | 15 |
| Semester Four | | |
| | ARCH 10012 GLOBAL ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY II (KFA) | 3 |
| | ARCS 20121 STUDIO FOR ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES | 4 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Credit Hours | 16 |
| Semester Five | | |
| | ARCS 30123 MATERIALS AND PROCESS OF MAKING | 3 |
| | ARCS 30321 STRUCTURAL TYPOLOGY | 3 |
| | Non-Architecture Electives | 9 |
| | Credit Hours | 15 |
| Semester Six | | |
| | ARCS 30124 METHODS AND THEORIES OF REPRESENTATION | 3 |
| | ARCS 30421 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPERATIVES | 3 |
| | ARCH 45213 20TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY | 3 |
| | Non-Architecture Electives | 6 |
| | Credit Hours | 15 |
| Semester Seven | | |
| | ARCS 40022 URBAN DESIGN DISCOURSE (ELR) | 3 |
| | ARCS 40114 THEORY AND CRITICISM IN ARCHITECTURAL MEDIA (WIC) | 3 |
| | Architecture (ARCH) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) | 6 |
| | Non-Architecture Electives | 3 |
| | Credit Hours | 15 |

Semester Eight

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| Architecture (ARCH) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) | 6 |
| Non-Architecture Electives | 9 |
| Credit Hours | 15 |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | 121 |