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As an architecture student, you will learn the art of design practice, drawing, digital design, and fabrication techniques. While you are developing your skills in studios and workshops, you will study the history and theories of architecture and the ideas, values, and ethics that have shaped and continue to define the profession.

The School of Architecture offers two undergraduate architecture degrees: Bachelor of Design in Architecture (B.D.A.) and Bachelor of Science in Architecture (B.S.). Our programs are designed to support professional goals that span from traditional architecture to emerging design professions.

Bachelor of Science in Architecture (B.S.)

Have a passion for architecture and designing buildings? In the Bachelor of Science in Architecture (B.S.) program, you can expect a rigorous curriculum of technology courses and studio-based education that will prepare you for a career in the field of architecture.

Bachelor of Design in Architecture (B.D.A.)

Interested in bridging your passion for architecture with other design disciplines? One of the most innovative programs at the U of M, the Bachelor of Design in Architecture (B.D.A.) program, will prepare you to respond to the evolving role of architects as design professionals who require new types of expertise.
You will learn from a world-renowned faculty group that includes leaders in the field and highly respected local practitioners and entrepreneurs. From this strong base, you will gain the knowledge and expertise to address today’s most pressing architectural challenges. Not only will you have great opportunities through our greater Twin Cities location, but you’ll also benefit from strong community engagement at the U of M.

Graduates of the program accomplish impressive design career placements and many are accepted into highly competitive Master of Architecture programs.

The professional Master of Architecture (M. Arch) is required to become a licensed architect in the state of Minnesota and throughout the United States.

**Student Experiences**

Visit the College of Design blog to read more about student work and experiences. You can also follow the College of Design on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for news, events, and a behind the scenes look into the lives of our design students.

**Related Student Organizations:** American Institute of Architecture Students, Bachelor of Design in Architecture Student Advisory Board, National Organization of Minority Architecture Students, Women in Architecture Student Organization

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Find out more about learning abroad options for students in our bachelor of design in architecture and bachelor of science in architecture programs.
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