

# Major Planning Guide: Architecture

## What can I do with a degree in architecture?

Architecture is an interdisciplinary major that combines art, science, math and business. There are a variety of career paths to follow including being a licensed architect, urban planner, carpenter, building designer, or civil engineer. Architecture can be a great option for those who are interested in designing houses, shopping centers, skyscrapers, or factories.

## Related Majors/Programs

Interior Design	Architectural Design
Urban Design	Landscape Architecture
Construction Management	Historic Preservation
Community, Environment & Planning	

## Where can I earn a bachelor's degree in architecture in Washington?

Certain universities offer architecture as an undergraduate major. Only the University of Washington and Washington State University offer degrees in architecture in Washington. You can also use the College Navigator search engine found at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> to find architecture programs around the country.

## How do I prepare to major in architecture?

Here are a few steps that we recommend you take to make sure that architecture is the right choice for you. There are many different types of careers in architecture, and it is important to do some research ahead of time to find the one that best fits your goals. An advisor can help you choose the transfer degree, and what courses you should take while you are here at Seattle Central.

### Step One: Research

- Those who are undecided about a major/career can make an appointment with our Career Exploration Center in BE 1102E to take a career assessment test. This assessment can reveal your interests, values, and skills which then match you up with potential careers and programs that prepare you for specific career paths.
- Architecture is not a commonly offered major. Make sure that the universities you apply to offer architecture, and if you want to be able to work as a practicing architect after your bachelor's degree, check that the programs you apply to are accredited by the NAAB at the bachelor's level. You may want to explore both bachelor's and master's programs so that you have a good sense of what is available and how best to prepare.
- Our Transfer Center in BE 1102F can help find universities you are interested in attending and guide you through the application process.

## Step Two: Pick a Degree

Students planning to major in architecture often earn the Associates of Art (AA-DTA) degree. Advisors can help students understand what architecture requirements are necessary for transfer. You may pick up a degree planning worksheet for the AA-DTA ([purple sheet](#)) in BE 1102 lobby.

## Step Three: Make a Long Range Academic Plan

Students planning to major in architecture at a university may take courses in art history, design, drawing, calculus, and physics, as well as general education requirements, to prepare to transfer. Many universities may require specific classes from their architecture program as prerequisites. It may be necessary to take the prerequisites at the university as a non-matriculated student, or transfer before completing 90 credits.

You should consult with an advisor at Seattle Central to make sure you take the appropriate courses to be prepared to enter the major. Check prerequisites, admission requirements, and GPA requirements at your intended transfer university early so you can be well-prepared to transfer.

## What are my next steps?

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- Once you have had the chance to explore the career opportunities in architecture you might want to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor to plan out your course of study. You can make an appointment by stopping by the Advising office in BE 1102D or calling us at 206-934-4068. (*If you are an international student, please stop by International Education Programs in BE 1113*).
- Attend Transfer Fairs and Career & Networking Fairs hosted by our office throughout the year.
- Explore the professional organizations in your area of interest for more information about education and career options.

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