

# 2025-26 BFA Art

# Architectural Design

"This document is provided as an advising resource only. Official curriculum requirements are listed in the JMU Undergraduate Catalog. In the case of discrepancies, the University Catalog is the official curriculum students must follow. This document was reviewed by Jori Ann Erdman, 8/6/2025"

**The ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN major requires 78 credit hours in design, art, art history and art-related courses. All students must have 120 credit hours to graduate. Of these hours, 51 credit hours must focus on ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN.**

## degree requirements

- GENERAL EDUCATION (41 credit hours)\*
- UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE (1 credit hour)

## foundations (18 credit hours)

- FDS 102 Color and Composition (3)
- FDS 104 Observational Drawing (3)
- FDS 106 Form and Space (3)
- FDS 108 Expressive and Expanded Drawing (3)
- ARTH 205 Survey of World Art I (3 Gen Ed)
- ARTH 206 Survey of World Art II (3 Gen Ed)

## major courses (51 credit hours)

- ARCD 200 Architect Design Studio I (6)
- ARCD 202 Architect Design Studio II (6)
- ARCD 208 Portfolio Review (0)
- ARCD 220 Digital Processes (3)
- ARCD 300 Architect Design Studio III (6)
- ARCD 302 Architect Design Studio IV (6)
- ARCD 330 Materials and Methods I (3)
- ARCD 370 History of Architecture (3)
- ARCD 376 Modern Architecture (3)
- ARCD 400 Architect Design Studio V (6)
- ARCD 402 Architect Design Studio VI (6)
- ARCD 440 Professional Design Practices (3)
- ARCH 496 Internship (0)

## ART & DESIGN ELECTIVES

(9 credit hours)

Students must complete 9 credit hours (typically 3 classes in Art and Design electives. Electives may include courses from studio art, art history, art education, industrial design and graphic design with a minimum of three credits at the 300-400 level, excluding courses taken as part of major requirements, ARTH 490, ARTH 495 and ARTH 499.

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**For more information about the Architectural Design program, please visit our website page at <https://www.jmu.edu/sadah/programs/undergraduate/architectural-design.shtml>.**

**\* For more information on general education credits, visit the General Education Program page. The number of credit hours necessary to fulfill these requirements may vary.**

### ADMISSION TO THE BFA IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

All students are admitted to the BFA in Architectural Design through the SADAH admissions process, including portfolio review. Admission to the Upper Division is based on a competitive process through the ARCD 208 Portfolio Review during the second year. Students not accepted will have one opportunity to reapply or may choose to continue in another SADAH major.

# ARCD

## RECOMMENDED COURSE SCHEDULE

**FA1**  
**15 CR**

### FIRST YEAR // fall semester

- FDS 102. Color and Composition (3cr)
- FDS 104. Observational Drawing (3cr)
- ARTH 205 Survey of World Art I (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)

**SP1**  
**15 CR**

### FIRST YEAR // spring semester

- FDS 106. Form and Space (3cr)
- FDS 108. Expressive and Expanded Drawing (3cr) \*ARCD Section available
- ARTH 206 Survey of World Art II (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)

**FA2**  
**15 CR**

### SECOND YEAR // fall semester

- ARCD 200. Architect Design Studio I (6cr)
- ARCD 208. Portfolio Review (3cr)
- ARCD 220 Digital Processes (3cr) (or SP2)
- Gen Ed (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)

**SP2**  
**15 CR**

### SECOND YEAR // spring semester

- ARCD 202. Architect Design Studio II (6cr)
- ARCD 370. History of Architecture (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)

**FA3**  
**15 CR**

### THIRD YEAR // fall semester

- ARCD 300. Architect Design Studio III (6cr)
- ARCD 330. Materials and Methods (3cr)
- ARCD 376. Modern Architecture (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)

**SP3**  
**15 CR**

### THIRD YEAR // spring semester

- ARCD 302. Architect Design Studio IV (6cr)
- ARCD 440. Professional Design Practices (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)

**SU3**

### THIRD YEAR // summer semester

- ARCD 496 Internship (0cr)

**FA4**  
**15 CR**

### FOURTH YEAR // fall semester

- ARCD 400. Architect Design Studio V (6cr)
- SADAH ELECTIVE (3cr)
- SADAH ELECTIVE (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)

**SP4**  
**15 CR**

### FOURTH YEAR // spring semester

- ARCD 402. Architect Design Studio VI (6cr)
- SADAH ELECTIVE (3cr)
- Gen Ed (3cr)
- Gen Ed (2cr)
- University Elective (1cr)

Transfer and Change of Major students will need to adjust the sequence to match the curriculum and classes they have received credit for before entering the program. Completing the curriculum in 4 years for transfer and Change of Major students might not be possible.

Review the prerequisites for all ARCD Design course to better understand the degree sequence.

NOTE: ARCD studio courses are sequential and cannot be taken out of order. They are generally offered only once per academic year.

The Architectural Design recommended sequence adds up to the minimum load to reach 120 credits required for graduation. Each student's path will be different.

This is a 4 year path from 1st year to fourth year and does not take into consideration any courses taken during summer or other terms.

Students planning on pursuing the Master of Architecture degree (at another institution) will want to take PHYS 140 and MATH 205. These are also prerequisites for our ARCD 492 Structures elective.