



ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS

General Info:

- To be an architect in the U.S. you must:
 - Complete a professional degree program in architecture
 - Complete a three-year internship
 - Pass the Architect Registration Exam
- The two accredited program types are the Bachelor of Architecture (B.ARCH) and the Master of Architecture (M.ARCH).
- The education component can be fulfilled in one of three ways, but should be completed in an accredited professional degree program. These avenues to licensure are:
 1. **5-year Bachelor of Architecture (a professional degree) + 3-year internship OR**
 2. **4 year “pre-professional” Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in a related field like architecture or environmental design + 2-year Master of Architecture (professional degree) + 3-year internship OR**
 3. **4-year undergraduate degree in any major + a 3-year (or 3.5) Master of Architecture (professional degree) + 3 year internship.**

Excellent resources for counselors and students:

- Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture <http://www.acsa-arch.org>
- The American Institute of Architecture also lists programs accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) <http://www.naab.org>
- NAAB-Accredited Architecture Programs in the US - <https://www.aiany.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/NAAB-B.Arch-Schools.pdf>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook <https://www.bls.gov/>

Common architecture school prerequisites (these vary from school to school):

- 1 course Calculus
- 1 course in Physics (mechanics)
- Courses in Art History or History of Architecture
- Prep in Visual Arts (drawing, sculpture, graphics)
- Courses in Humanities, Philosophy, Literature, Economics

Admissions committees often consider applications from those who, at the time of application, do not have these prerequisites. If applicants do not have the prerequisites, they will either be required to complete them before entry into the program or allowed to make up their deficiencies at the same time they enroll in the architecture school.



New School of Architecture – San Diego					
PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
Bachelor of Architecture	5 years	Internal	Applications accepted 4 times/year	1. Portfolio 2. Personal Statement required - 3 questions 3. GPA minimum 2.5	1. Upon graduation, students can choose to enter the workforce or pursue further education by earning a Master of Architectural Studies or Master of Construction Management degree. 2. Articulation Agreement with MCC
Master of Architecture	3 years (4+3 year option)	Internal			
Academy of Art University					
PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
Bachelor of Architecture		Internal	Rolling admissions		For questions about Admission, schedule a Consultation here OR reach out to an Admission Rep: admissions@academyart.edu
Master of Architecture	Track 1: 63 Units				
	Track 2: 87 Units	Internal	Rolling admissions	The advanced standing is determined on an individual basis through a portfolio review and transcript evaluation	
UC Berkeley					
PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
B.A. in Architecture	4 years	UC App	10/1-11/30		The BA in Architecture is a pre-professional degree



Master of Architecture	3 years	UC App	Opens 9/15 for fall of following year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3.0 or higher in last 2 years of undergrad study 2. For students without a B.Arch, Calculus and Physics required with C- or better 	Calculus and physics must be completed by time of admission
California College of the Arts					
PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
Bachelor of Architecture	5 years	Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/1 - Fall priority deadline 10/1 - Spring priority deadline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal essay 2. Letter of recommendation 3. Portfolio required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$70 application fee 2. Transfer students are encouraged to meet with a CCA Admissions Counselor 3. Articulation Agreement with Palomar College
Master of Architecture	3 years	Internal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 Letters of Recommendation 2. Unofficial transcripts 3. Portfolio 4. Personal essay 500-1000 words 	
Cal Poly Pomona					
PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
Bachelor of Architecture	5 years	CSU	10/1-12/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum 3.2 GPA 2. Transcripts 3. Portfolio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is an impacted major
Master of Architecture	3 years	CSU	10/1-1/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3.0 GPA 2. 3 Letters of Recommendation 3. Statement of Purpose (why architecture?) 4. Portfolio required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required courses for admission: college-level physics with lab, college-level trigonometry, college algebra 2. GRE recommended but not required



Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
Bachelor of Architecture	5 years	CSU	10/1-11/30		
M.S. Arch	2 years	CSU	10/1-2/1	1. Portfolio 2. Transcripts	PROGRAM IS NOT CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICANTS, ANTICIPATED TO RE-OPEN FALL 2026

University of San Diego

PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
B.A in Architecture	4 years	Common App	Spring: 8/1-10/1 Fall: 10/1-3/1	1. Transcripts 2. Letter of Recommendation 3. Transfer College Report (completed by student's previous institution) 4. Transfer Midterm Report 5. Essay 6. \$55 application fee	1. This degree is not recognized by the NAAB; it is recommended that students complete a NAAB recognized B.Arch program 2. Transfer Equivalency Search Tool

University of Southern California

PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
Bachelor of Architecture	5 years	Common App	Portfolio: Feb 25, 2025 Letter of Rec: Feb 15, 2025	Freshman and Transfer B.Arch Requirements 1. Portfolio 2. Transcripts 3. 2 Letters of Recommendation 4. Architecture Writing & Video Supplement 5. Admitted transfer students average a 3.5 GPA	Transfer students from an accredited community college or other university may be eligible for advanced placement at the second-year level if previous work includes a minimum of 32 semester units of acceptable academic credit in a pre-architecture program. Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL) initiative



Master of Architecture	3 years w/ a B.A or B.S 2 Years w/ a B.Arch	Common App	Opens: August 15 Priority: January 3 Final: May 1 or July 1 (international applicants)	Application Instructions & Requirements	Graduate USC Admissions
Southern California Institute of Architecture					
PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
Bachelor of Architecture	5 years	Internal	Spring 2025: October 15, 2024 Fall 2025: March 15, 2025	Admission Requirement Checklist	Transfer Applicant Checklist
Master of Architecture 1	3 years	Internal		1. Letter of Recommendation (recommended) 3. Portfolio 4. Personal essay 500-1000 words	
Master of Architecture 2	2 years				
Woodbury University					
PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
Bachelor of Architecture	5 years	Internal	Spring: November 1 Fall: March 1	1. Portfolio 2. Min GPA 2.75	Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL) initiative - Palomar Transfer Guide
Master of Architecture	2 Years	Internal	March 1st	Graduate Admission Requirements	\$85 Application
	3 Years	Internal	March 1st		



OUT OF STATE INSTITUTIONS

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

PROGRAM	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	APPLICATION	DEADLINE	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS /NOTES
Master of Architecture	2 years for B.Arch holders 3 years for non-B.Arch	Internal	9/1-1/15	1. GPA of 3.0 or higher 2. design portfolio for review 3. statement of intent 4. 2 letters of reference 5. Writing sample.	Fall admission only

Arizona State University

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Master of Architecture	2 years for B.Arch holders 3 years for non-B.Arch	Internal	9/1-5/1	1. Minimum 3.0 in last 60 units of undergrad 2. Official transcripts 3. Portfolio 4. Letter of intent 5. Two references	

University of Arizona

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Bachelor of Architecture	5 years	Internal	3/1 - Priority deadline	1. 3.5 GPA for automatic admission	No portfolio required for undergraduate admission
Master of Architecture	2 years for B.Arch holders 3 years for non-B.Arch	Internal	1/16 and 2/19 - start term depends on whether student is applying for 2 or 3 year program	1. Portfolio 2. Personal statement 3. Resume 4. Letters or recommendation	CA students are eligible to apply for Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) which allows graduate-level students to pay Arizona resident tuition