

UNCC BA ARCHITECTURE Core Program (Part 1 of 2 required programs for minimal professional education)

All undergraduate students in the School of Architecture complete a three-year core sequence of courses designed to provide a solid understanding of fundamental issues, knowledge, and skills related to architecture. These courses include a series of coordinated architecture design studios, skill-building seminars, a four-semester sequence of architectural history (three survey courses and one history topic elective), and four courses in building technology (one course in Architectural Materials, two courses in Structures, and one course in Environmental Systems Principles). Students who do not intend to pursue an accredited professional degree (the B.Arch. or M.Arch.) may complete only the Core Program and earn a non-pre-professional version of the Bachelor of Arts in Architecture.

This alternative allows greater academic flexibility for students to augment their architectural studies with coursework from other University departments, allowing double major or minor in other disciplines, or preparation for graduate studies in related fields (such as planning, urban design, landscape architecture, or architectural history).

- [ARCH 1101 - Architectural Design Studio I](#) (5)
- [ARCH 1102 - Architectural Design Studio II](#) (5)
- [ARCH 1601 - Recording Observations](#) (2)
- [ARCH 1602 - Components of Form](#) (2)
- [ARCH 2101 - Architectural Design Studio III](#) (5)
- [ARCH 2102 - Architectural Design Studio IV](#) (5)
- [ARCH 3101 - Architectural Design Studio V](#) (5)
- [ARCH 3102 - Architectural Design Studio VI](#) (5)
- [ARCH 3601 - Writing Architecture](#) (3) (W)
- [ARCH 4050 - Architecture Elective - Topics](#) (3)
- [ARCH 4201 - Architectural History I: Prehistory-1750](#) (3)
- [ARCH 4202 - Architectural History II: 1750-Present](#) (3)
- [ARCH 4203 - Architectural History III: Survey of Contemporary Theory \(1950-Present\)](#) (3)
- [ARCH 4204 - Architectural History Topic](#) (3) (W)
- or [ARCH 4205 - Architectural History Topic](#) (3) (W)
- [ARCH 4301 - Material and Assembly Principles](#) (3)
- [ARCH 4302 - Environmental Systems Principles](#) (3)
- [ARCH 4303 - Structural Principles](#) (3)
- [ARCH 4604 - Computational Methods](#) (3)
- Foreign Language proficiency at level 1202 or higher (4-8)

Advanced Program Students who do not intend to pursue an accredited professional degree (the B.Arch. or M.Arch.) may complete the Advanced Program and earn a pre-professional version of the Bachelor of Arts in Architecture. This presents opportunities for greater depth of inquiry, breadth of understanding and synthesis through advanced architectural design and electives. Concentrated primarily in the Fourth Year of study, the Advanced Program includes an intensive building design studio in which students learn advanced computing skills, various topical design studios in which faculty steer focused research agendas, and additional courses in technology, history, and other topics that engage contemporary architecture. The following courses are not required for the B.A. in Architecture degree, but are required for subsequent accredited degrees, such as the Bachelor of Architecture (5th year) or the Master of Architecture at UNC Charlotte:

- [ARCH 4050 - Architecture Elective - Topics](#) (3)
- [ARCH 4101 - Architectural Design Studio VII: Advanced Building Design](#) (5)
- [ARCH 4102 - Architectural Design Studio VIII: Topical](#) (5)
- [ARCH 4304 - Structural Systems](#) (3)
- [ARCH 4605 - Computational Practice](#) (3)

Degree Total = 128 Credit Hours