ARCHITECTURE

The Department of Architecture remains steadfastly committed to a tectonic conception of architectural practice. Students learn how to put a building together and how to derive formal poetics from constructive assembly. This strong commitment to conventional tectonics is complemented and challenged by many avenues of experimentation and research that confront professional norms. Elective courses propose alternative practices and theories for architecture by speculating on thermodynamic form, cultural geography, performative envelopes, digital prototyping, and new ecological and programmatic compositions for water management. Sponsored studios leverage expertise from the professional community in unique partnerships that benefit students and also have an impact on the community and region—in many cases through constructed works.

Maximum curriculum choice is considered a hallmark of the architecture curriculum at UWM. After completing the core educational requirements, students are able to construct an educational path from a wide array of elective seminars, independent study, research opportunities, and studios that best suit their personal values and aspirations. Our goal is for students to be committed to architecture as a form of disciplinary inquiry that is compositionally ambitious, technically provocative, and to continually reinvent professional ethics and beauty.

Students in the School of Architecture and Urban Planning (SARUP) are passionate about architecture, and have the benefit of attending an affordable, small, and strong school in a culturally vibrant city. Accomplished and dedicated faculty, staff, and alumni work tirelessly to provide personalized attention and guidance to the students they are mentoring.

- Architectural Studies, BS (http://catalog.uwm.edu/architecture-urban-planning/architecture/architectural-studies-bs/)
- Architectural Studies, Minor (http://catalog.uwm.edu/architecture-urban-planning/architecture/architectural-studies-minor/)
- Architecture, MArch (http://catalog.uwm.edu/architecture-urban-planning/architecture/architecture-march/)
- Architecture, MArch/Urban Planning, MUP (http://catalog.uwm.edu/architecture-urban-planning/architecture/architecture-march-urban-planning-mup/)
- Architecture, MArch: Ecological Design (http://catalog.uwm.edu/architecture-urban-planning/architecture/architecture-ecological-design-march/)

Limitations

The Department reserves the right to cap admissions into the minor on the basis of course availability. Students in the major have first priority registration for all courses in the Department. In cases of full capacity, students enrolled in the minor will be ranked and admitted into the program or into a course on the basis of overall GPA.

For more information about requirements for the minor, contact Tammy Taylor, Undergraduate Advisor, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, AUP 225, ttaylor@uwm.edu, (414) 229-4015.

Accident and Health Insurance

Use of the School’s woodworking shop requires that students provide evidence of personal accident and health insurance to the School of Architecture and Urban Planning Dean’s Office.

Department of Architecture Laptop Requirement

Beginning in Fall 2019, each incoming freshman in the Bachelor of Science in Architecture (BSAS) program and each incoming student in the Master of Architecture (MArch) program will be required to purchase a laptop computer that meets or exceeds the Department of Architecture’s hardware and software specifications as published on the year the student enters the program. Beginning in Fall 2020, each incoming transfer student will be required to purchase a laptop computer. Students graduating from the BSAS program will be required to update or renew their laptop to conform to the School’s specifications upon entry into the M.Arch program.

Laptop specifications can be found here. (https://uwm.edu/sarup/architecture/laptop-requirement/)
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