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About the School of Architecture

As an architect, you’ll need the technical skills to design buildings, sites, and cities—and the intellect to consider the role of design in the world. You’ll develop both at Syracuse’s highly ranked program, which combines advanced contemporary practice with theory and social engagement.

The Curriculum

The School of Architecture provides a five-year professional degree program in a collaborative, project-based environment. Your design education is fostered through extensive one-on-one communication with faculty, international architects, and distinguished visiting critics in the studio and through formal reviews.

The core of the program is the studio experience: an intense exploration of the creative process. The design studio is a physical place—a set of rooms where each student has a dedicated workspace. You’ll receive intensive feedback as you develop your work, learning from faculty, your classmates, and your own design process.

Related Careers

Although most graduates pursue a career in architecture, the bachelor of architecture degree (B.Arch.) is also an excellent foundation for related fields. Recent graduates have gone into real estate development, environmental engineering, management, interior design, animation, and urban design.

Expand Your Skill Set

Included in your course of study are liberal arts requirements in the humanities and sciences that will enhance your education and postgraduate success. You may also elect to pursue a minor. Recent minors include:

- Entrepreneurship
- Economics
- Geography
- Landscape Architecture
- Real Estate
- Architectural History
- Political Science
- Physics
- Chinese Studies
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Finance
- English and Textual Studies
- International Business
- Earth Sciences
- Global Political Economy

On the Cover: A studio model from a second-year student

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Play Perch: an outdoor classroom designed by students for children with disabilities

Student receives guidance in the studio
Architecture students study at SU’s Fisher Center in NYC

Slocum Hall, home of Syracuse Architecture
Reputation
Syracuse’s undergraduate architecture program was ranked #5 in the United States by DesignIntelligence (2015), the industry’s leader for ranking design programs.

Faculty commitment
Unlike many programs, Syracuse Architecture has resident, full-time faculty who will help you develop your own aesthetic interests and design process. Faculty members bring their own practical experiences to the classroom, and recent classes have explored architectural history, high-performance skins, urban design, and material experimentation.

Lecturers and critics
Attend lectures featuring architects, scholars, curators, theorists, and critics who contribute to the world of architecture, design, urbanism, and technology. As an upper-level student, you’ll have access to visiting critics from around the world who will teach you current theoretical approaches and design methods.

Get right to work
Because the bachelor of architecture degree (B.Arch.) combines an undergraduate liberal arts education with professional training, you’ll be on the path to becoming a registered and licensed architect, with no graduate school required.

Career guidance
The School of Architecture’s Office of Career Services will help you with everything from accessing the alumni network to interview training and portfolio preparation. Current Director Connie Caldwell was cited as a Most Admired Educator by DesignIntelligence for her ability to recognize student strengths and connect students with companies and professional practices.

Take part in student organizations
You’ll have access to more than 300 campus organizations, many specific to architecture, art, and design. These include the American Institute of Architecture Students, The Society of Multicultural Architects and Designers, the Architecture Student Organization, the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students, and Freedom by Design, which designs and builds small-scale projects for low-income and disabled members of the Syracuse community.
Study Abroad…or in New York City

Broaden your perspective and enhance your education with off-campus study. You can spend a semester or full year studying abroad at the University’s centers in Florence and London, or at the Fisher Center in New York City. Programs are fully integrated into the curriculum and staffed by full-time faculty.

The school also offers summer and other short programs led by faculty. Past programs have included experiences in Turkey, Ghana, Chile, Brazil, Japan, Switzerland, Germany, as well as recent Visiting Critic studio trips to Shenzhen, China; Taipei, Taiwan; and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

“My education engendered a reverence for material and a respect for the site and budget that have contributed directly to my professional success.”
— Katherine Hogan ’05, Principal, Tonic Design + Tonic Construction, Raleigh, NC

“One of the profound tools that I learned in the design studios at the School of Architecture was a rich and fertile understanding of scale, not only for buildings but for the spaces created between and around them.”
— Patrick Ahearn ’73, President, Patrick Ahearn Architects, Boston, MA

“Traveling abroad is one of the best decisions you will ever make. Not only do you live in another country for four months, but you learn more about yourself and grow as a person in a way you couldn’t otherwise.”
Matthew Trulli ’16 (Florence, spring 2014; London, fall 2014)

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The Curriculum

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Florence/London/NYC Programs

**Accreditation**

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the bachelor of architecture, the master of architecture, and the doctor of architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of architecture and master of architecture degree programs may require a pre-professional undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

Syracuse University School of Architecture offers the following NAAB-accredited programs:
B.Arch, 162 credits  |  M.Arch, 110 credits
How to Prepare
To apply to the bachelor of architecture program, you’ll need to

- Complete the Common Application to Syracuse University
- Submit a portfolio of your work in art and design that represents your creative vision and technical capacities.

For more information or for an in-person portfolio review on campus or in selected cities across the country, contact Recruiting Director Vittoria Buccina at vabuccin@syr.edu.

Important Deadlines
- **November 15:** Early Decision application and portfolio deadline
- **December 1:** Final day for in-person portfolio reviews under the Regular Decision plan
- **January 1:** Regular Decision application deadline
- **January 5:** Portfolio upload deadline for Regular Decision applicants

First-year studio, conclusion of first design exercise
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