

BS in Architectural Studies with Emphasis in Design Studies

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Degree Program Description

Design studies is an interdisciplinary program that provides a baseline of design language and application without the rigor of the advanced coursework and curriculum set forth by accredited degrees for commercial design. Design studies is gaining popularity across the country as an area of concentration where graduates can flexibly navigate conditions unique to their career path and community demand. The curriculum includes several High Impact Practice courses for community engagement and real-world experience. Potential careers include residential design, interior decorator, construction, real estate, contractor, and product representative.

Major Program Requirements

In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

Required Courses		56
ARCHST 1100	Visual Design	3
ARCHST 1200	Architectural Drafting and Working Drawings	4
ARCHST 1600W	Fundamentals of Environmental Design - Writing Intensive	3
ARCHST 2100	Understanding Architecture and the American City	3
ARCHST 2220	Introduction to CAD	3
ARCHST 2230	Design Communication I	3
ARCHST 2310	Building Systems	3
ARCHST 2315	Introduction to Building Systems Laboratory	1
ARCHST 2316	Advanced Building Systems Lab	2
ARCHST 2323	Sustainable Building Design Fundamentals	3
ARCHST 2811	Studio I	5
ARCHST 3100	Color and Light	3
ARCHST 3182	Studio II	5
ARCHST 4320	Materials, Methods and Products	3
ARCHST 4323	Sustainable Technologies and Systems	3

ARCHST 4435	History of the Designed Environment to 1750	3
ARCHST 4440	Design Precedents: Architecture, Interiors and Furniture since the Industrial Revolution	3
Capstone Experience		3

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices and where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ARCHST 1200		4 ARCHST 1100	3
ARCHST 2315		1 ARCHST 1600W (First Writing Intensive)	3
ENGLISH 1000		3 ARCHST 2316	2
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	3
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INTDSC 1001		1 Missouri State Law Requirement: Social Science from Arts and Science	3
		15	17

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ARCHST 2220		3 ARCHST 2230	3
ARCHST 2310		3 ARCHST 3182	5
ARCHST 2811		5 MATH 1050	3
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	3
		14	14

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ARCHST 2100 ()		3 ARCHST 2323	3
ARCHST 4320		3 ARCHST 3100	3
Behavioral Science From Art & Science		3 Second Writing Intensive 3000+	3
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		3 Biological or Mathematical Science	3
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ARCHST 4323		3 ARCHST 4440	3
ARCHST 4435		3 Humanities from Arts and Science	3
Capstone Experience: choose from ARCHST 4333, 4813, 4823		5 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	4
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	3
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		3	
		17	13

Total Credits: 120

Degree Audit

The degree audit is an automated report reflecting a student's academic progress toward the completion of a degree.

MU students can request a degree audit by logging in to myDegreePlanner (<https://mydegreeplanner.missouri.edu>). Students may also access myDegreePlanner via myZou, in the Student Center, click on the Academic Progress Tile, then select Request Degree Audit. The audit automatically pulls in the student's MU course work, transfer courses and courses in progress. This is available to current students, admitted students, and those who last attended less than three terms ago.

Past MU students can request a degree audit by contacting the Academic Advising Unit of the division in which they were last enrolled at MU. For contact information, go to <https://advising.missouri.edu/contact/>.

Prospective students, can access a preliminary MU degree audit via <https://www.transferology.com> (<https://www.transferology.com/>). Information on the college credits already earned will have to be manually entered before it can be evaluated against current degree requirements.

For additional details on degree audits, go to <https://registrar.missouri.edu/degrees-audits/degree-audits/>.

Major and Career Exploration

The University of Missouri has many resources to assist you in exploring majors and career possibilities. For guidance, visit the Majors and Careers (<https://career.missouri.edu/majors-careers/>) website or view specific resources below.

- If you are considering a change of major or are exploring multiple majors, schedule an appointment with an advisor in the Discovery Center (<https://discoverycenter.missouri.edu/>) by calling (573)884-9700 or through MU Connect (<https://mizzou.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=service/3761489>) Discovery Center service in your success network.
- If you have decided on a major, visit an academic advisor in the School or College that you are interested in to discuss the process of declaring the major (<https://advising.missouri.edu/majors-minors/changing-major/>).
- If you would like to learn more about your career interests, abilities, values and talents, visit the MU Career Center (<https://career.missouri.edu/connect/>). No Appointment is necessary to explore career options with one of our staff members.
- If you would like information about MU majors and degree programs, visit:
 - the Degrees, Majors (Degree Programs), Emphasis Areas, Minors and Certificates (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/>) page in the catalog,
 - the MU Majors (<https://majors.missouri.edu>) website.

For additional major and career exploration resources, visit Major & Career Exploration (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/majorcareerexploration/>) in the catalog.