

ADMISSION TO UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Bachelor's Degrees in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Planning

THE FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM

Ball State University's College of Architecture and Planning offers bachelor's degree programs in architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning. All entry-level students are admitted to a common first-year program of study. Required courses provide a foundation of theories and skills pertinent to all three disciplines, as well as discipline-specific issues. At the end of your first year, you may apply to one of the three major programs in the college.

Admission to the College of Architecture and Planning's First-Year Program is highly competitive with an enrollment target of about 160 students.

ENTRY STUDIOS

We use the fall, spring, and summer semesters to schedule First-Year Program courses and offer admission to successful applicants in the following entry studios:

- Fall Entry Studio—You begin your studies in the fall semester and may complete all required courses of the First-Year Program during the fall and spring semesters.
- Spring Entry Studio—You elect courses that meet the University Core Curriculum requirements as well as some College of Architecture and Planning courses during the fall semester and begin the required design and design communications studio course sequences in the spring semester. You would be required to continue through the summer semester to complete those course sequences. The summer semester allows you to complete more University Core Curriculum courses in the first year and provides you with a semester to adjust to college life and studies before beginning the rigorous studio courses.

A few positions in the spring entry studio are not filled until the conclusion of the fall semester. Students who initially were not competitive in the applicant pool or who applied too late may begin their studies at Ball State and reapply for admission. Decisions on late admission to the spring entry studio are made after fall semester grades are posted.

- Accelerated Entry Studio—We also admit an accelerated entry studio, open only to graduates of two-year colleges and to Ball State students or transfer students who will have completed a minimum of 48 hours of college study prior to enrollment. This program is an excellent way to join the College of Architecture and Planning after pursuing other majors or intended careers.

- Predeclaration Entry—This option is available for students wishing to pursue landscape architecture or urban planning and development. Predeclaration applicants must have completed at least 30 credit hours of college-level work before enrollment. Students in this option complete the college's First-Year Program as part of the Accelerated Entry Studio.

ADMISSION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

We strongly encourage you to apply for admission early, as a limited number of students are accepted to the First-Year Program. You must be admitted to Ball State before we will consider admission to the College of Architecture and Planning. The college has a competitive, rolling admission review process. First-priority consideration will be given to applications received by **December 14, 2012**. Second-priority consideration will be given to applications received by **February 15, 2013**. (Note: This is not a postmark deadline; we must receive your materials by this date.)

Notification of admission to the College of Architecture and Planning will be sent by March 29, 2013. If you submit your materials after the priority deadline and are admitted by the university, we will review your application on a space-available basis. Students with outstanding academic records may be offered early admission and will be notified immediately after review of their application materials.

The admissions committee will begin reviewing applications in October 2012. To be considered for admission to the First-Year Program, students must submit Ball State's 2013–14 Application for Undergraduate Admission and Housing as well as the 2013–14 Program Application for Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Planning (included in the university application). Apply online at www.bsu.edu/admissions/application, or request an application from the Office of Admissions. Your completed application must be sent to the Office of Admissions. An optional portfolio should be sent directly to the College of Architecture and Planning. For portfolio guidelines, go to www.bsu.edu/cap/admissions/ugportfolio.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR ADMISSION

We seek students who have excelled in scholarship and who show interest and promise of a high level of achievement in our programs. Admission is a question of how competitive an individual is within the applicant pool. The majority of admitted high school applicants are in the top 20 percent of their high school classes.

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To be competitive, transfer applicants should have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or better.

The admissions committee will carefully review all submitted materials with consideration given to the following:

- Demonstrated excellence in scholarship as documented by all submitted transcripts (class rank and SAT/ACT scores of high school applicants will be considered)
- Information from the supplemental application form that demonstrates initiative, leadership experience, and interest in the environmental design and planning disciplines
- The quality of the required essay.

A portfolio is not required, but it is highly recommended.

There are no admission quotas by race, gender, state of residence, or expressed discipline preference. Admission to the common first year does not guarantee entry into the second year.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

The admissions committee looks for high school applicants who are completing a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum. This usually includes the following:

- four years of English
- four years of math
- three years of science
- two to three years of social studies
- speech

Foreign languages also may be included in your program. Recommended electives are courses in keyboard and graphic skills, computers, and especially art. Transfer applicants may have pursued college course work in any academic discipline.

TRANSFER ADMISSION WITH ADVANCED STANDING

If you have completed a program of study from an accredited professional degree program equivalent to the College of Architecture and Planning's First-Year Program, you may apply for admission with advanced placement in the curriculum of your choice. Decisions on admission with advanced placement are made by the respective department. For application instructions, contact:

Department of Architecture—765-285-1900
Department of Landscape Architecture—765-285-1971
Department of Urban Planning—765-285-1963

PROGRAMS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Ball State Preview Days for prospective students and family members are scheduled throughout the year. A morning university-wide program features information about all academic programs, admissions, financial aid, student life, and a walking tour of the campus. A representative from the College of Architecture and Planning will be available on that same morning. Reservations are required. Register online at www.bsu.edu/admissions/previewdays or call toll-free 866-770-3163. Upcoming Preview Days are:

Saturday, October 6, 2012
Saturday, November 10, 2012
Friday, March 15, 2013
Saturday, April 20, 2013

All students interested in the college's programs are urged to attend one of these sessions. If you are unable to do so, you may arrange an appointment with a representative of the College of Architecture and Planning by contacting the Admissions Visitors Center. Call 866-770-3163 or 765-285-5683. You can also arrange a campus visit at www.bsu.edu/admissions/visit or take an interactive tour at www.bsu.edu/cap.

DESIGNWORKS: SUMMER WORKSHOP

We offer an exciting two-week career discovery summer workshop/camp for qualified high school students who are in or have just completed their junior year. The program is scheduled for July 7–19, 2013.

True to Ball State's commitment to experiential learning, this special opportunity offers a hands-on exploration into the exciting world of environmental design and problem solving with fun and creative activities led by College of Architecture and Planning faculty. The workshop's format is similar to our First-Year Program for new freshmen—a sampling of our various disciplines, conducted in the same design studios that college students use. For details and registration, visit www.bsu.edu/cap/workshop.

CONTACT US

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PROGRAM CONTENT

The First-Year Program will expose you to a broad foundation of knowledge in the disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning. It also introduces the concept that environmental planning and design are interconnected with all other disciplines, and it focuses on the relationship of societal need to environmental context through both scientific and humanistic thought. To meet these goals, you will be enrolled in an instructional core of seven required professional courses described below, and in elected liberal arts courses that meet University Core Curriculum requirements.

I. Design

- CAP 101 Environmental Design and Planning 1 (3 credits)
- CAP 102 Environmental Design and Planning 2 (3 credits)

These design studios provide a comprehensive introduction to environmental design and planning. Common to the disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture, and planning is the objective of supporting human activity through the design and planning of sound environments. In seeking to attain this objective, the three disciplines share a common approach of processing information—focusing on the definition, analysis, synthesis, judgment, and communication of environment design and planning problems and of the theories and concepts inherent in their solutions. You will be introduced to the conceptual disciplines of design, spatial studies, and a broad range of environmental design theories and issues. Focus also is placed on developing skills in problem solving, time-task management, design communications, and working independently and in teams.

Each student receives an individual work/study space in a fully equipped studio. Interdisciplinary faculty teams provide lectures and extensive individual instruction through critiques and evaluations of students' work in progress. A variety of studio projects challenge students to apply concepts and principles through creative exploration. Field study throughout the region, professional exhibitions, and guest lecturers enrich the educational experience.

II. Design Communications

- CAP 161 Design Communications Media 1 (2 credits)
- CAP 162 Design Communications Media 2 (2 credits)

These courses focus on the communication of ideas as objects and products of thought, introduce principles of conceptual and diagrammatic drawing, and encourage explorations

with a variety of media. You will develop and learn to coordinate all modes of communication—drawing, writing, speaking—as tools for discovery and analysis. Instruction and studio exercises introduce freehand drawing, diagramming, orthographic drawings and projections, perspective drawing, writing and speaking, and computer applications for professional graphic communication.

As in the design studio, you will learn through your own studies, through informal discussions with classmates and faculty members, and through the presentation and evaluation of class projects.

III. Environmental Design and Planning Disciplines

- ARCH 100 Introduction to Architecture (2 credits)
- LA 100 Introduction to Landscape Architecture (2 credits)
- PLAN 100 Introduction to Urban Planning and Development (2 credits)

These lecture courses are designed to provide an overview of the disciplines, the societal and environmental issues the disciplines address, and the role of the professional in a broad societal context. If you are undecided about your career goals, these courses provide information concerning professional challenges and career opportunities that may assist you in selecting a major.

PROGRAM FACULTY

During the First-Year Program, you will study with architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning faculty members in studio and lecture courses. This exposes you to many individuals with varied backgrounds of professional education and experience, areas of expertise, and divergent philosophies and points of view.

SELECTING A MAJOR

During the first year, you will have opportunities to meet with faculty members and professional advisors to discuss career and curriculum options in all of the disciplines. After successful completion of the common First-Year Program, you will be asked to declare your major. In an effort to manage enrollment, each department in the College of Architecture and Planning has instituted an enrollment management plan. In the event the number of students declaring into the second year exceeds one of the departmentally set limits, you will be advised about other available degree programs of the college and the university. Please note: admission into the second year of the College of Architecture and Planning is subject to departmental enrollment review.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Fall Entry Studio

Fall Semester

Environmental Design and Planning 1 (CAP 101).....	3
Design Communications Media 1 (CAP 161).....	2
Intro to Professions (ARCH 100, LA 100, PLAN 100).....	2/2
University Core Curriculum.....	3
University Core Curriculum.....	3
University Core Curriculum (PE).....	2
Total Credits	17

Spring Semester

Environmental Design and Planning 2 (CAP 102).....	3
Design Communications Media 2 (CAP 162).....	2
Intro to Professions (ARCH 100, LA 100, PLAN 100).....	2
University Core Curriculum.....	3
University Core Curriculum.....	3
University Core Curriculum.....	3
Total Credits	16

Spring Entry Studio

Fall Semester

Intro to Professions (ARCH 100, LA 100, PLAN 100).....	2
University Core Curriculum.....	3
University Core Curriculum (PE).....	2
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester

Environmental Design and Planning 1 (CAP 101).....	3
Design Communications Media 1 (CAP 161).....	2
Intro to Professions (ARCH 100, LA 100, PLAN 100).....	2/2
University Core Curriculum.....	3
University Core Curriculum.....	3
Total Credits	15

Summer Semester

Environmental Design and Planning 2 (CAP 102).....	3
Design Communications Media 2 (CAP 162).....	2
Total Credits	5

Accelerated Entry Studio*

Summer Semester

Environmental Design and Planning 1 (CAP 101).....	3
Environmental Design and Planning 2 (CAP 102).....	3
Design Communications Media 1 (CAP 161).....	2
Design Communications Media 2 (CAP 162).....	2
Intro to Architecture (ARCH 100).....	2
Intro to Landscape Architecture (LA 100).....	2
Intro to Urban Planning and Development (PLAN 100).....	2
Total Credits	16

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CURRICULUM

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

(154 credits)

FIRST YEAR

See College of Architecture and Planning First-Year Program (33 Credits)

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

Site Design (LA 201)	4
Field Study (LA 214)	1
LA History 1 (LA 220)	3
Environmental Systems (LA 270)	3
University Core Curriculum	3
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	17

Spring Semester

Park and Open Space Design (LA 202)	4
LA History 2 (LA 221)	3
Computer Applications in LA (LA 280)	3
University Core Curriculum	3
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	16

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester

Housing and Community Design (LA 301)	4
LA Engineering 1 (LA 311)	4
Landscape Plants 1 (LA 341)	4
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	15

Spring Semester

Planting Design (LA 302)	4
LA Engineering 2 (LA 312)	4
Environmental Sciences (BIO 216 or NREM 211, 221 or GEOL 207)	3
Minor or Directed Elective	3
Total Credits	14

FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester

Regional Landscape Design (LA 401)	4
LA Engineering 3 (LA 413)	4
Minor or Directed Elective	3
University Core Curriculum	3
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	17

Spring Semester

LA Elective	3
Minor or Directed Elective	3
Minor or Directed Elective	3
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	12

Summer Semester

LA Internship (LA 369)	0
(May begin in the spring of the fourth year)	

FIFTH YEAR

Fall Semester

Urban Design (LA 403)	4
LA Research (LA 451)	3
Elective	3
LA Elective	2
Minor or Directed Elective	3
LA Internship (LA 369)	1
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester

LA Comprehensive Project (LA 404)	5
Professional Practice (LA 460)	3
LA Elective	3
Minor or Directed Elective	3
Total Credits	14

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ARCHITECTURE CURRICULUM

Bachelor of Science or Arts in Architecture (Preprofessional Degree, 126 credits)

Professional education in architecture at Ball State University now consists of two degree programs: a four-year undergraduate degree (BS or BA) with a major in architecture, followed by the professional master of architecture graduate degree (MArch). Students seeking an accredited program of studies in architecture must complete both the preprofessional undergraduate degree program (or its equivalent from another accredited program) and the professional MArch degree. It is important to note that there are separate admission requirements for the undergraduate major and the MArch program. Admission and completion of the undergraduate major does not guarantee admission into the graduate program.

FIRST YEAR

See College of Architecture and Planning First-Year Program (33 Credits)

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 201)	4
Architectural Building Technology 1 (ARCH 214)	3
History of Architecture 1 (ARCH 229)*	3
Digital Design (ARCH 263)	3
University Core Curriculum*	3
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 202)	4
Structural Systems 1 (ARCH 218)*	3
Social Issues (ARCH 252)	3
Design Communications Media (ARCH 261)	1
Environmental Systems 1 (ARCH 273)	3
University Core Curriculum*	3
Total Credits	17

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 301)	5
Structural Systems 2 (ARCH 318)*	3
Environmental Systems 2 (ARCH 373)	3
Writing Proficiency Exam (WPP 392)*	0
University Core Curriculum*	3
University Core Curriculum*	3
Total Credits	17

Spring Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 302)	5
Architectural Building Technology 2 (ARCH 314)	3
History of Architecture 2 (ARCH 329)*	3
University Core Curriculum*	3
University Core Curriculum*	3
Total Credits	17

*Courses are typically offered in the fall and spring semesters.

For more information about our bachelor's degree in architecture, contact Rod Underwood, undergraduate architecture advisor, at rod@rod-underwood.net. For complete information on programs and requirements, consult the *Ball State University Undergraduate Catalog*.

Students in the Department of Architecture's architecture major are required to purchase a laptop computer that meets designated performance specifications.

FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 401)	5
Structural Systems 3 (ARCH 418)*	3
Cultural Issues (ARCH 429)*	3
University Core Curriculum*	3
University Core Curriculum*	3
Total Credits	17

Spring Semester

Architectural Design (ARCH 402)	6
Elective (CAP, ARCH, LA, or PLAN)*	3
Total Credits**	9

**Additional 3 credits—free elective—are required to maintain full-time status.

SUMMER OPTION

ARCH 405 and 406 are incremental versions of ARCH 402 that allow students to engage architectural design projects on or off campus, providing students a high degree of self-direction. This sequence draws on knowledge and skills of previous course work. Both ARCH 405 and 406 (two independent summer sessions) must be completed to obtain substitute credit for ARCH 402. Prerequisite: ARCH 202. These courses are open only to architecture majors.

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 a six-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on its degree of conformance with established educational standards. Doctor of architecture and master of architecture degree programs may consist of a preprofessional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the preprofessional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree. Ball State offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

MArch (preprofessional degree plus 46 graduate credits)

MArch (non-preprofessional degree plus 104 credits)

Next accreditation visit for all programs: 2013.

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URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM

Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development

(120 credits*)

FIRST YEAR

See College of Architecture and Planning First-Year Program
(33 Credits)

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

Regional Analysis and Design Studio (PLAN 203)	4
History and Theory of Planning 1 (PLAN 220)	3
Communication and Presentation Techniques (PLAN 261)	3
Elementary Microeconomics (ECON 201)	3
State and Local Politics (POLS 237)	3
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester

Site Planning and Design Studio (PLAN 202)	4
History and Theory of Planning 2 (PLAN 221)	3
Planning and Private Development (PLAN 240)	3
University Core Curriculum	3
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	16

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester

Urban and Neighborhood Analysis Studio (PLAN 302)	4
Quantitative Methods for Urban Planning (PLAN 320)	4
Urban Geography (GEOG 321) or Urban Economics (ECON 485)	3
Politics and Administration of Local Government Budgets (POLS 454) or Economics of Government Budgets (ECON 345)	3
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	17

Spring Semester

Economic Development Studio (PLAN 303)	4
Environment and Society (NREM 101)	3
University Core Curriculum	3
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	13

Summer Semester

Planning Paid Internship (PLAN 369)	0
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FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester

Field Studio (PLAN 401)	4
Planning Elective	3
Social Science Elective**	3
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	13

Spring Semester

Urban Planning Law (PLAN 452)	3
Planning Elective	3
Planning Elective	3
University Core Curriculum	3
Total Credits	12

*Minimum number of credits required for graduation. Total number of credits will vary.

**Social science elective choices: SOC 242, SOC 260, ECON 311, POLS 238, POLS 370, POLS 372, NREM 303, NREM 371, PSYC 316.

Planning core courses to be taken as structured. Timing for outside core courses, University Core Curriculum, planning electives, and other courses is suggested, not mandatory.

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