Roger Williams University

Architecture Program

Mission Statement

Architecture programs at Roger Williams University develop the broadly educated person through exposure to the liberal arts and humanities, while also offering rigorous professional training at the undergraduate and graduate levels, culminating in an accredited professional Master of Architecture degree.

Architecture is an integrative discipline that expresses human values through the design of the built environment. It considers a diverse range of issues at the scale of the region, site, space and detail in a way that speaks to the past, present, and possible sustainable futures. Architecture, as a profession, engages nature and culture, art and technology, service and practice, within both the local and global realms in a way that is respectful to the diversity of our increasingly pluralistic society.

Students acquire the design and technical skills and expertise needed to be effective as collaborators and leaders working across disciplines. They develop the strategic thinking and communication skills required to tackle the diverse range of issues that influence architectural discourse and practice, from those of sustainability and urbanism to historic preservation. Students are challenged at each stage of their education to consider the consequences of their actions in a culturally and environmentally responsive manner.

Students expand their scope and knowledge through the pursuit of minors at the undergraduate level and concentrations at the graduate level. Study abroad opportunities, community engagement, and close working relationships with faculty, visiting critics, and regional and international practitioners, enhance their education. The Roger Williams University architecture program fosters a lifelong engagement with critical issues, helping students to be active in enhancing their profession, their communities, and society at large.

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