

CURRICULUM

B.S. in Architecture

Earn your Bachelor of Science in Architecture in four years, then continue into a Master’s degree and become a licensed architect. Explore additional interests within the liberal arts, making you a well-rounded candidate for graduate schools and firms.

This program has five Core Design Studios, one or two Advanced Topics studios, and one Urban Design Studio. You have the option to study abroad in your third year to gain a global design perspective.

BS+ Master of Architecture

Graduate with your BS+Master of Architecture degree or an accelerated 4+1.5 timeframe by beginning some graduate coursework in your fourth year.

At the graduate level, students complete advanced coursework in Design, Building Materials and Assemblies, Acoustics and Lighting, History Theory, Professional Practice, and Advanced Electives.

Your studies with RWU faculty and Teaching Firms in Residence are supplemented by input from visiting critics, collaboration with consultants from leading firms, and short-term trips to project sites in the United States, Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

Graduation from the NAAB Accredited Master of Architecture program with internships supported by the Career Investment Program will prepare you well for licensure as a practicing architect.

Special Application Requirement

A portfolio of two and/or three-dimensional work demonstrating evidence of an applicant’s creative potential is required for all applicants for admission to the B.S. in Architecture program. The intent of the portfolio requirement is twofold — to offer applicants some idea of activities you will be engaged in as an Architecture student, and to allow the school to begin to estimate your emerging potential at this earliest stage of your architectural education.



School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation

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ARCHITECTURE

Studying Architecture at RWU means designing spaces that have a true impact on society. Our program is diverse and dynamic, combining rigorous professional training in design, history, planning, and technology with a broad liberal arts education. Develop your own unique sense of design with the guidance of expert faculty, many of whom are accomplished architects, scholars, and preservationists. This includes professionals who are part of our unique Teaching Firm in Residence program. RWU students get real experience with real clients in state-of-the-art facilities. Architecture majors graduate with a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and are well-prepared for further graduate study in Architecture and related fields. Students with a B.S. degree can go on to complete a Master of Architecture degree from RWU or another NAAB-Accredited institution, to proceed toward Architecture licensure.\*

- + Do you have an eye for art and design?
- + Do you love exploring new cities and buildings?
- + Are you excited to collaborate with a team to solve real problems around sustainability, accessibility, public health, and more?

CAREER OUTLOOK

Where are RWU Architecture alumni now?

Employers:

- MASS Design, Boston and Kigali
- HOK, New York and Washington
- Kyu Sung Woo, Boston
- Machado and Silvetti, Boston
- Perkins + Will, Chicago and Boston
- Safdie Architects, Boston
- Sasaki, Watertown, MA
- SHoP Architects, New York
- Studios Architecture, New York

Graduate Schools

- University of Michigan
- Harvard University
- Cornell University
- Yale University
- MIT
- Columbia University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- University of Virginia
- University of Oregon
- University of Colorado
- University of Texas, Austin





## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



*Roger Williams made sure that everyone got their own desk every semester of every year of the studio experience. A lot of places don't offer that. They had us doing hand drawings all of the first year and then they introduced us to the computer. That was really valuable because at most schools you just start on the computer and don't learn as much.*



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B.S. in Architecture, M.Arch.  
Architectural Designer at KITE Architects,  
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## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

### Learn and Do More at RWU

With a hands-on educational experience throughout the RWU curriculum, Architecture majors:

#### *Work in Design Studios*

In all four years of undergraduate study, Architecture majors work and learn in their own design studios, developing critical thinking, design communication, representation, and technical skills. The studio is a place to practice your craft and develop the discipline needed to become a successful architect.

#### *Study Abroad*

Spend a semester studying Architecture in Florence at the Palazzo Rucellai, or in Barcelona at the Barcelona Architecture Center.

#### *Complete a paid internship with the Career Investment Program*

The Career Investment Program provides financing for undergraduate and graduate student assistantships on-campus, as well as for internships off-campus with professional firms, organizations, and government agencies. You will gain professional experience toward licensure with many leading firms around the country and region. Many students land full-time positions with these firms upon graduation.



## Faculty

Faculty are accomplished architects, historians, engineers, and planners from around the world. They serve as mentors throughout your entire RWU career and beyond, offering their expertise and individualized support to ensure your success.

## Facilities

You will have your own individual design studio space with Samsung flat-panel monitors and rCloud technology. Additional facilities include:

- The Architecture Library
- Photography studio and darkroom
- Digital manufacturing lab
- Exhibition gallery
- Woodworking shop and model shop
- Review and seminar rooms

## Resources

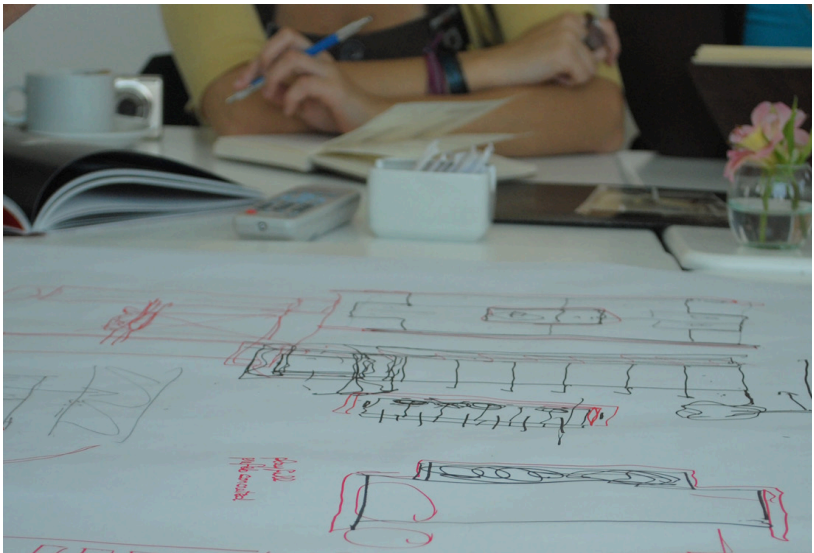
The Architecture program offers additional resources to help you make the most of your experience.

- The Women's Leadership Network provides mentorship, hosts events, and supports female SAAHP graduates in program success, career placement, and advancement.
- Peer mentoring programs within each major build a strong sense of community within the school.
- The Student-Athlete Mentoring Program, specifically for Architecture students, is the only one of its kind in the country.
- RWU has one of the largest chapters in the country of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), which organizes lectures, programs, conferences, and excursions.

## OVER 80% OF RWU STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH MORE THAN JUST A SINGLE MAJOR

Design your experience with your passion and have a unique career advantage with a minor or double major. Many students combine **Architecture** with:

- Art History
- Construction Management
- Sustainability Studies
- Visual Arts



\*NAAB Statement on 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 offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, 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 preprofessional undergraduate degree in Architecture for admission. However, the preprofessional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

Roger Williams University, School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation, offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

- Master of Architecture (pre-professional degree + 23 UG Architecture credits + 38 GR credits)
- Master of Architecture (non-pre-professional degree +101 credits)

The program received its last accreditation in 2018. The next accreditation visit is in 2026.