Major Steps 2013-2014

Architecture

Note: Highline Community College does not offer this major. However, you can complete many of the pre-requisite courses at Highline. Every effort has been made to provide current, accurate publication content. Always verify the admission information with your intended university.

What does an Architect do?

Architects design many kinds of structures. Projects may include houses, schools, hospitals, or bridges. Architects also design airports and college campuses that contain many different buildings. Architects may specialize in one type of building or in one phase of work. For example, some may design only houses while others work on large projects such as skyscrapers or hospitals. Other architects specialize in updating older buildings.

Architects take part in every phase of a building project. They help to create the first designs and stay involved until all construction work is completed on the project. They work with many people during this process, including the client, engineers and general contractors. Architects meet with each client before they begin working on a new building design. They find out the client's needs and ideas for the design. At all phases of the design process, architects must be sure the plans are within the budget approved by the client.

All architects learn their skills through formal, professional-level training programs. There are two types of professional-level programs in architecture: a five-year bachelor's degree program and a one to four year master's degree program. All states and the District of Columbia require architects to be licensed.

There are non-professional degree programs in architecture. However, these programs do not qualify you to be licensed as an architect.
How do I prepare for an Architecture program?

There are two preparatory programs for architecture in the state of Washington: one at the University of Washington and the other is at Washington State University.

The UW’s Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies is a pre-professional degree that prepares candidates for admission with advanced standing to an accredited professional architectural program. It is also good preparation for other roles in society that benefit from an understanding of and exposure to architectural design and problem solving such as government, development, management, planning, art, graphic design, and digital arts. Most professional architecture programs require 2 or 3 years of education beyond the Bachelor degree.

To apply to the program, transfer students must have 73 credits of liberal arts and science requirements which can be completed at Highline Community College. If you wish to complete a degree at Highline before transferring, complete the AA Option A degree (Method One). To be admitted to the UW Architecture program you will be asked to submit a design portfolio. You should consider enrolling in drawing and 2-D, 3-D design classes. The portfolio will allow you to submit one AutoCad drawing as well.

In addition to the above 73 credits, the UW Architecture program requires that you complete an additional 17 credits of preparatory architecture classes which cannot be obtained at Highline. These courses include: UW’s ARCH 210, 211, 350, 351 and 352.

WSU’S four-year pre-professional Bachelor of Science in architectural studies is designed primarily to provide a foundation in the study of architecture. The Bachelor of Science in architecture is designed for:

- Students who want to work in an architecturally related discipline such as planning, technology, project and community development, or within government agencies.
- Preparation for continued education in a professional degree program such as the University’s accredited master of architecture.

Where can I get more information on this career?

By going to www.wois.org you can get additional information about Architecture as a career, the salary and job prospects.

How do I get a faculty advisor? To request an advisor, go to: http://edplanning.highline.edu/request.advisor.php or drop in at the Educational Planning and Advising Center (EPAC) in Building 6.

For our hours of operation, go to http://edplanning.highline.edu/contact.php