ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

The Architecture curriculum is designed to provide students with the following understanding and skills:

1. Verbal and graphic methods of communication;
2. An understanding of the social and environmental problems in the United States and other countries;
3. Creative solutions to existing and future problems in the United States and other countries; and
4. How to implement new ideas in a reasonable amount of time.

The areas of study include how to develop a better quality of life through efficient housing, new building material development, new construction methods, new work methods, solar and wind power, efficient use of resources, and a reduction of waste in materials and time. A learning-by-doing approach is stressed in preparation for the job market or for transfer to a university to further study in architecture, architectural engineering, city planning, or landscape architecture. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution and major in one of these fields should consult with a counselor regarding the transfer process and lower division requirements.

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Department Website (https://www.valleycollege.edu/academic-career-programs/degrees-certificates/architectural-design/)

- Architecture and Environmental Design Associate of Science Degree (http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/architecture-environmental-design/architecture-environmental-design-as-degree/)
- 3D Modeling and Design Certificate of Achievement (http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/architecture-environmental-design/3d-modeling-and-design-certificate-achievement/)
- Building Information and 3D Modeling Certificate of Achievement (http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/architecture-environmental-design/building-information-3d-modeling-certificate-achievement/)
- Building Information Management (BIM) Certificate of Achievement (http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/architecture-environmental-design/bim-certificate-achievement/)

ARCH 015 2 Units
Survey of Design and Drafting Software Applications
Lecture: 18 contact hours
Lab: 54 contact hours
This course is an introduction to the theories and principles of industry-related software applications in the design and drafting fields. Topics of the course include dimensional graphics, three-dimensional modeling, and electronic mapping applications. Principal software applications will be explored as they relate to the fields of architecture, design, manufacturing, construction, and urban planning.

Associate Degree Applicable
ARCH 070 1 Unit
Portfolio Design
Lab: 54 contact hours
Prerequisite: ARCH 112 or ARCH 113
This course is designed to assist architecture students in the preparation of their portfolio. The design portfolio is required to transfer to most four-year/five-year Architecture programs. This course also benefits the student entering the job force in documenting their experience. (Formerly ARCH 270)

Associate Degree Applicable
ARCH 098 1-4 Units
Environmental Design Work Experience
WRKEX: 300 contact hours
Prerequisite: ARCH 111 or ARCH 112 or ARCH 145 or ARCH 145H
This course involves supervised training, in the form of on the job employment that will enhance the student's knowledge in the selected field of study. The student’s major and job must match. For paid work, 75 hours = 1 unit; for volunteer work, 60 hours = 1 unit. Students may earn a total of 16 units toward graduation in Work Experience 098 courses. See department for specific guidelines.

Associate Degree Applicable
ARCH 110 2 Units
Introduction to Architecture
Lecture: 36 contact hours
This course explores the professional and academic path of the architect and aspects of the architect’s relation to allied professions. Lectures will include licensing, academic options and pathways, history of the profession, practice, design theory, structures, and personal goal setting. Guest speakers and an office visit will provide students a firsthand opportunity to observe multiple aspects of the profession.

Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU
ARCH 111 2 Units
Sketching and Design Visualization
Lecture: 18 contact hours
Lab: 54 contact hours
This introductory course in architectural visualization and drawing techniques will focus on how to communicate three-dimensional designs in a two-dimensional medium. Subjects and techniques include, orthographic projection, isometrics, basic one and two point perspectives, pralines, plan views, elevations, and line types. Emphasis on sketching and hand drafting and sketch-up media will be introduced in developing graphic skills.

Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU
ARCH 112 4 Units
Environmental Design
Lecture: 36 contact hours
Lab: 108 contact hours
This beginning architectural design course includes the perceptual and physical study of two and three-dimensional design theories, principles and compositional techniques used in the creation and manipulation of architectural form, space and light. Focus will be on the fundamental design skills and will progress to a three dimensional architectural design project including consideration of approach, transition and destination. Models, drawings and graphics will be utilized to study and communicate the design. (Formerly ARCH 100)
Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU

ARCH 113 4 Units
Environmental Design Communication
Lecture: 36 contact hours
Lab: 108 contact hours
Advisory: ARCH 111 and ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H
This is an advanced studio course that builds on a basic understanding of design communication, strengthening complexity and design intention in two and three-dimensional design and three-dimensional visualization techniques, including freehand sketching, graphic conventions, modeling, shade/shadow, color rendering, graphic presentations, and a magazine page project based presentation. This course is intended to provide the visual communications skills needed to describe architecture and participate in the design communication process. It is project-based with projects selected by the instructor to build a student's range of expression, while focusing on a variety of visualization techniques and media. (Formerly ARCH 101)
Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU

ARCH 130 2 Units
Introduction to 3D Modeling and Design
Lecture: 18 contact hours
Lab: 54 contact hours
This course introduces 3-D Modeling for design visualization using Rhino software. Hands-on instruction will focus on digitally modeling designs with rectilinear and non-rectilinear geometry, including preparing files for fabrication and presentation. Students should have basic knowledge of computers and file management.
Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to CSU only

ARCH 133 2 Units
Introduction to 3D Modeling and Design
Lecture: 18 contact hours
Lab: 54 contact hours
This course introduces 3-D Modeling for design visualization using Rhino software. Hands-on instruction will focus on digitally modeling designs with rectilinear and non-rectilinear geometry, including preparing files for fabrication and presentation. Students should have basic knowledge of computers and file management.
Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to CSU only

ARCH 145 3 Units
History of Architecture: Early Design Through Gothic
Lecture: 54 contact hours
Advisory: ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H
This course is a survey of Western architectural history from the early Egyptians through the Gothic period, in addition to the eastern architecture of India, Japan and China. The course includes a comparative study of architecture and architects with emphasis on the people, locations, structures, materials, and methods of construction and additional influences on the built environment.
Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU

ARCH 145H 3 Units
History of Architecture: Early Design Through Gothic - Honors
Lecture: 54 contact hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H
This course is a survey of Western architectural history from the early Egyptians through the Gothic period, in addition to the eastern architecture of India, Japan and China. The course includes a comparative study of architecture and architects with emphasis on the people, locations, structures, materials, and methods of construction and additional influences on the built environment. This course is intended for students in the Honors Program, but is open to all students who desire more challenging course work.
Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU

ARCH 146 3 Units
History of Architecture: Renaissance Through Modern
Lecture: 54 contact hours
Advisory: ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H
This is a survey course that covers the indigenous architecture in the Pre-Columbian Americas and the Western architectural history Renaissance period to modern times. This course includes a comparative study of architecture and architects with an emphasis on people, locations, structures, materials, and methods of construction.
Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU
ARCH 146H  3 Units
Architecture History: Renaissance to Modern - Honors
Lecture: 54 contact hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H
This is a survey course that covers the indigenous architecture in the Pre-Columbian Americas and the Western architectural history Renaissance period to modern times. This course includes a comparative study of architecture and architects with an emphasis on people, locations, structures, materials, and methods of construction. This course is intended for students in the Honors Program, but is open to all students who desire more challenging course work.

Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU

ARCH 212  4 Units
Architectural Design and Theory II
Lecture: 36 contact hours
Lab: 108 contact hours
Prerequisite: ARCH 112
Advisory: ARCH 113
This course will explore architectural and environmental design relationships between various programmatic models, normative building types, and technological themes with emphasis on physical, cultural, and historic contexts. The student will develop creative design skills and problem solving techniques as they apply to the architectural and related profession. Prerequisite may be waived subject to portfolio review of recent (within 5 years) work by Architecture department. (Formerly ARCH 200)

Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU

ARCH 213  4 Units
Architectural Design II
Lecture: 36 contact hours
Lab: 108 contact hours
Prerequisite: ARCH 212
Advanced architectural design processes are explored in the urban setting, with the relationships between a variety of programmatic models, normative building types, and technological themes within specific physical, cultural and historic contexts. Focus is on advanced problems solving in spatial relationships, structures, and human requirements of advanced model building, based on challenging design criteria, communication and editing a design narrative. (Formerly ARCH 201)

Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to both UC/CSU

ARCH 231  2 Units
Advanced Building Information Modeling (BIM)
Lecture: 9 contact hours
Lab: 81 contact hours
This course introduces Building Information Modeling (BIM) as used to produce a 3-dimensional architectural model with detailed construction information. PCs with Autodesk Revit will be used and instruction will focus on computer modeling a simple project and extracting construction documentation. Students should have basic knowledge of computer operation and file management as well as construction.

Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to CSU only

ARCH 233  2 Units
Advanced 3D Modeling and Design
Lecture: 18 contact hours
Lab: 54 contact hours
Prerequisite: ARCH 133
This course introduces fundamental skills of coding and 3-D computational design using Rhino software with additional plug-ins. Hands-on instruction will focus on parametrically modeling and testing design variations with rectilinear and non-rectilinear geometry, including preparing files for fabrication and presentation. Students should have basic knowledge of 3-D modeling.

Associate Degree Applicable
Transfers to CSU only