ARCHITECTURE

SAIC BFA in Studio—Curricular Pathways in Design

The curricular pathways in design outline possible courses of study for BFA in Studio students who are interested in the Departments of Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects (AIADO); Fashion Design; or Visual Communication Design (VCD). BFA students may choose to pursue a particular curricular pathway in a design area if they would like to engage in a more focused sequence of courses. Many of the design pathways have a rigorous portfolio review application process, as well as required foundational studio/design prerequisites in order to access the more advanced courses. Please see each curricular pathway description and chart for details.

Below are some very important notes about the curricular pathways in design:

1. Completion of curricular pathways is not a requirement for graduation; please refer to the current SAIC Student Bulletin for a list of degree requirements.
2. BFA students who opt to follow curricular pathways still graduate with a BFA in Studio; there is no additional degree designation if you follow a curricular pathway.
3. For specific questions about curricular pathways, please contact the appropriate department.

KEY

| AH | Art History elective credit |
| FYS | First-Year Seminar credit |
| H | Liberal Arts/Humanities credit |
| SCI | Liberal Arts/Natural Science credit |
| SOC | Liberal Arts/Natural Science credit |
| S | Studio elective credit |
| SS | Sophomore Seminar Studio credit |
| PP | Professional Practice Studio credit |
| CAP | Capstone Studio credit |

Fall Only  
Course only offered in fall semesters  
Spring Only  
Course only offered in spring semesters

Sophomore Standing  
30–59.5 credits complete  
Junior Standing  
60–89.5 credits complete  
Senior Standing  
90 or more credits complete

All courses are 3 credits, unless noted otherwise in (parentheses).

Prerequisites are noted by course numbers in [brackets]. Prerequisite courses are in same department unless otherwise noted.

Note for Academic Spine courses (SS, PP, CAP): Although departments may recommend specific Spine courses as part of their curricular pathways, students may choose Spine courses from any department to fulfill undergraduate degree requirements. For more information on Spine course offerings, please visit the Academic Spine web pages on the SAIC website: saic.edu/academicspine.
## Architecture Curricular Pathway

### CORE PATHWAY COURSES: ARCHITECTURE
(Please note that 1000 level classes are offered in fall and spring. All other core design studios are offered only once a year.)

**ARCH Core Design Studio Sequence (45 credits)**
(All count as studio credit.)

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### ACADEMIC SPINE COURSES RECOMMENDED
(Topic titles may change by semester. Students should choose one option at each level.)

- **SOPHEM 2900** (Spring only) Arch/Inarc: Design Cultures [sophomore standing] SS
- **SOPHEM 2900** (Spring only) Designing Your Future [sophomore standing] SS
- PROFPRAC 3900 Portfolio Development [SS 2900] PP
- PROFPRAC 3900 Runway Meets Runway [SS 2900] PP
- ARCH 3900 (Spring only) Arch UG Studio 4 (6) [3031] S/PP
- ARCH 4900 (Spring only) Arch Capstone Studio (6) [departmental permission] S/CAP

Please note: The AIADO department recommends pathway students take Spine courses within the department. Please consult with your department chair if you decide to take other Spine courses while still pursuing this pathway.

### RECOMMENDED COURSES WITH PREREQUISITES
(Please note that recommended courses may not be offered every semester. Select courses that contribute toward completion of your remaining degree requirements.)

- **ARCH 4011** Construction and Design [2002] S
- **ARCH 4056** Architectural Theory [junior standing] S
- **AIADO 4928** No Discipline [junior standing] S
- **AIADO 4945** Eco Design [junior standing] S
- **AIADO 4954** Contemporary Issues in Design [sophomore standing] S
- **ARTHI 2501** History of Space AH
- **ARTHI 3438** Global Architecture AH

**Recommended Art History courses that complement the Architecture pathway**
- **ARTHI 2501** History of Space: Interior Architecture AH
- **ARTHI 3438** Global Architecture: Space and Culture AH

**Recommended Liberal Arts courses that complement the Architecture pathway**
- **ENG 1001** First-Year Seminar I Topic: Ethics and the Environment FYS
- **HUM 3330** Topics in Philosophy: Ethics and Technology H/FYS
- **SCI 3007** Knowing Nature SCI/FYS
- **SCI 3250** Acoustics SCI/FYS
- **SCI 3252** Physics of Motion SCI/FYS
- **SCI 3345** Geoengineering SCI/FYS
- **SCI 3539** Sustainability SCI/FYS
- **SOCSCI 3520** Ecology of Contested Spaces SOC/FYS

### RECOMMENDED DEPARTMENT COURSES ABOVE THE INTRODUCTORY LEVEL WITHOUT PREREQUISITES
Open to all students. (Please note that recommended courses may not be offered every semester.)

- **ARCH 2003** Light and Space S
- **ARCH 2008** Color and Space S
- **ARCH 2014** Matter and Material S
- **AIADO 3917** Parametric Modeling: Grasshopper/Rhino S
- **AIADO 3920** Scenography S
- **AIADO 4919** Critical Artifacts S
- **AIADO 4932** Unwrapping Design S
- **AIADO 4950** Parametric Construction: Revit S

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**Additional Information**

A variety of other AIADO courses are available to Architecture pathway students. These courses change from semester to semester and often include external partnerships or interdisciplinary opportunities with other art and design departments. Please contact the Architecture program chair for more details.

**Notes for students who anticipate applying to a graduate professional architecture program:**

1. The BFA Architecture pathway qualifies students to apply for the three-year professional Masters of Architecture (MArch) degree at SAIC or elsewhere. If a student plans to practice as an architect or become a licensed architect in the United States, a professional architecture degree is required.

2. Recommended courses for students applying to a graduate professional program:
   - Core design studio sequence (45 credits)
   - 2 architectural history survey courses (6 credits)
   - 1 calculus or precalculus course (not offered at SAIC; available at local community colleges)
   - 1 introductory college level physics course that covers concepts in mechanics and electricity (such as SCI 3252: *Physics of Motion*).
   - PROFPRAC 3900 (required for BFA degree) and a strong design portfolio are recommended, as are off-campus travel and work experience

Do you need additional information? A pathway checklist and program FAQ are available in the AIADO office. You may also complete an advising session with the Architecture chair and/or BFA program advisors by scheduling an appointment through the AIADO office.