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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

H Liberal Arts/Humanities credit

SCI 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
30–60 credits complete

Junior Standing
60.5–90 credits complete

Senior Standing
more than 90 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.

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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

First Year

ARCH 1001	Intro to Architecture
ARCH 1002	Design Drawing

Second Year

AIADO 1004	Design Communication
ARCH 2001	(**Fall only**) Arch UG Studio 1 (6) [ARCH/INARC 1001 or DESOB 1001]
ARCH 2002	(**Spring only**) Arch UG Studio 2 (6) [2001+1002]

Third Year

ARCH 3031	(**Fall only**) Arch UG Studio 3 (6) [2002]
ARCH 3930	(**Spring only**) Arch UG Studio 4; Prof. Prac. (6) [3031] **S/PP**

Fourth Year

ARCH 4031	(**Fall only**) Arch UG Studio 5 (6) [3920]
ARCH 4900	(**Spring only**) Arch UG Studio 6; Capstone (6) [portfolio review and departmental permission] **S/CAP**

ACADEMIC SPINE COURSES RECOMMENDED

(Topic titles may change by semester. Students should choose one option at each level.)

SOPHSEM 2900	Design Thinking [sophomore standing] **SS**
PROFPRAC 3900	Portfolio Development [SS 2900] **PP**
PROFPRAC 3900	Runway Meets Runway [SS 2900] **PP**
ARCH 3930	(**Spring only**) Arch UG Studio 4; Prof. Prac. (6) [3031] **S/PP**
ARCH 4900	(**Spring only**) Arch UG Studio 6; Capstone (6) [portfolio review and 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.)

ARCH 4011	Construction & 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 [survey] **AH**
ARTHI 3438	Global Architecture [survey] **AH**

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 & Space **S**
ARCH 2008	Color & Space **S**
ARCH 2014	Matter & Material **S**
AIADO 3917	Parametric Modeling: Rhino/Grasshopper **S**
AIADO 3920	Stage Set Design **S**
AIADO 4919	Critical Artifacts **S**
AIADO 4932	Unwrapping Design **S**
AIADO 4935	Go Fund Yourself! **S**
AIADO 4950	Parametric Construction: Revit **S**

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 *Force, Energy, Motion*; check with Liberal Arts department for availability).
   - 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.