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 the 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.)

Architecture Core Design Studio Sequence (45 credits)

(All count as studio credit.)

First Year

ARCH 1001 Introduction to Architecture /

Interior Architecture

ARCH 1002 Design Drawing

Second Year

AIADO 1004 Design Communication

ARCH 2001 (Fall only) Arch UG Studio 1 (6)

[ARCH/INARC 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 3900 (Spring only) Arch UG Studio 4 (6)

[3031] **S/PP**

Fourth Year

ARCH 4031 (Fall only) Arch UG Studio 5 (6) [3900]

ARCH 4900 (Spring only) Arch Capstone Studio (3)
[3900 + departmental permission] S/CAP

AIADO 4900 (Spring only) Undergraduate Projects (3)

[PP 3900, instructor consent] S/CAP

ACADEMIC SPINE COURSES RECOMMENDED

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

SOPHSEM 2900 (Spring only) Arch/Inarc: Design

Cultures [sophomore standing] **SS**

SOPHSEM 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 (3)

[departmental permission] S/CAP

Please note: The AIADO department recommends that 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] \$

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

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 4115 Design Action: North Lawndale S
AIADO 4903 Landscape / Territory / Field S

AIADO 4919 Critical Artifacts S

AIADO 4932 Unwrapping Design S

AIADO 4950 Parametric Construction: Revit S

DESOB 2037 Digital Crafting Basics S

DESOB 3032 Ways of Futuring S

Architecture Curricular Pathway Cont.

RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC COURSES

(Please note that recommended courses may not be offered every semester. These courses may require a prerequisite. Select courses that contribute toward completion of your remaining degree requirements.)

Recommended Art History courses that complement the Architecture pathway

ARTHI 2501	(Fall only) History of Space: Interior Architecture AH
ARTHI 3438	(Spring only) Global Architecture: Space and Culture AH

Recommended Liberal Arts courses that complement the Architecture pathway

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	ENG 1001	(Fall only) First-Year Seminar I Topic: Ethics and the Environment H/FYS
	HUM 3330	(Spring only) Topics in Philosophy: Environmental Ethics H/FYS
	SCI 3007	Knowing Nature SCI/FYS
	SCI 3250	(Fall only) Acoustics SCI/FYS
	SCI 3252	Physics of Motion SCI/FYS
	SCI 3340	(Fall only) Earth's Changing Climate SCI/FYS
	SCI 3345	(Spring only) Geoengineering SCI/FYS
	SCI 3539	Sustainability SCI/FYS
	SOCSCI 3520	(Fall only) Global Environmental History SOC/FYS
	SOCSCI 3520	(Spring only) Ecology of Contested Spaces SOC/FYS

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:

- 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)
 - Two architectural history survey courses (6 credits)
 - One calculus or precalculus course (not offered at SAIC; available at local community colleges)
 - One introductory college level physics course that covers concepts in mechanics and electricity (such as SCI 3252: *Physics of Motion*)
 - PROFPRAC 3900 (required for the BFA degree) and a strong design portfolio are recommended, as are offcampus 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 chair of Architecture, undergraduate coordinator and/or BFA program advisors by scheduling an appointment through the AIADO office.