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# Environmental Design Academic Advising

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Academic Advisor



# Architecture at MSU

- Pre-Professional Degree





**What's a concern you have about college?**



# What are you looking forward to at MSU?

# Steps to Become a Licensed Architect

## 1.) Education- NAAB accredited degree

- MSU offers the following NAAB accredited degree program:  
**Master of Architecture**  
(4 yr Environmental Design degree + 1.5 yr Masters of Architecture)

## 2.) Experience – Architecture Experience Program (AXP) aka “internship”

## 3.) Exam – Architect Registration Exams



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More info at [www.NCARB.org](http://www.NCARB.org)

# Degree Plan – B.A. Environmental Design

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design (B.A.) 126 credits 4-year Undergraduate Degree																					
120-140 students admitted <b>52% M 48% F</b> ≈90-100 students      ≈80-90 students apply each May																					
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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Formal Admission and Portfolio Review

- **Students who wish to continue from the Foundations program into the B.A. in Environmental Design program will apply for formal admission at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> year (May)**
- **A student must have completed ARCH 121IA, ARCH 151RA, ARCH 152IA, ARCH 113, ARCH 161, and M151Q or M171Q, and PHSX 205 (or higher) during the 1<sup>st</sup> year (can include summer.)**
- **Criteria evaluated for Formal Admission:**
  - **At least a 2.7 overall GPA**
  - **3.0 Architecture studio GPA (ARCH 151 and 152)**
  - **Portfolio (1<sup>st</sup> year studio work)**
  - **C- or higher in PHSX 205, M151Q, ARCH 121, 113**
- **Up to 78 qualified students are admitted to 2<sup>nd</sup> year**
- **85-95% of students who apply to Formal Admission are accepted**
- **Students are then formally admitted for the next 3 years of the program**

# Options Studio – 4<sup>th</sup> Year Fall



# Classes for Fall

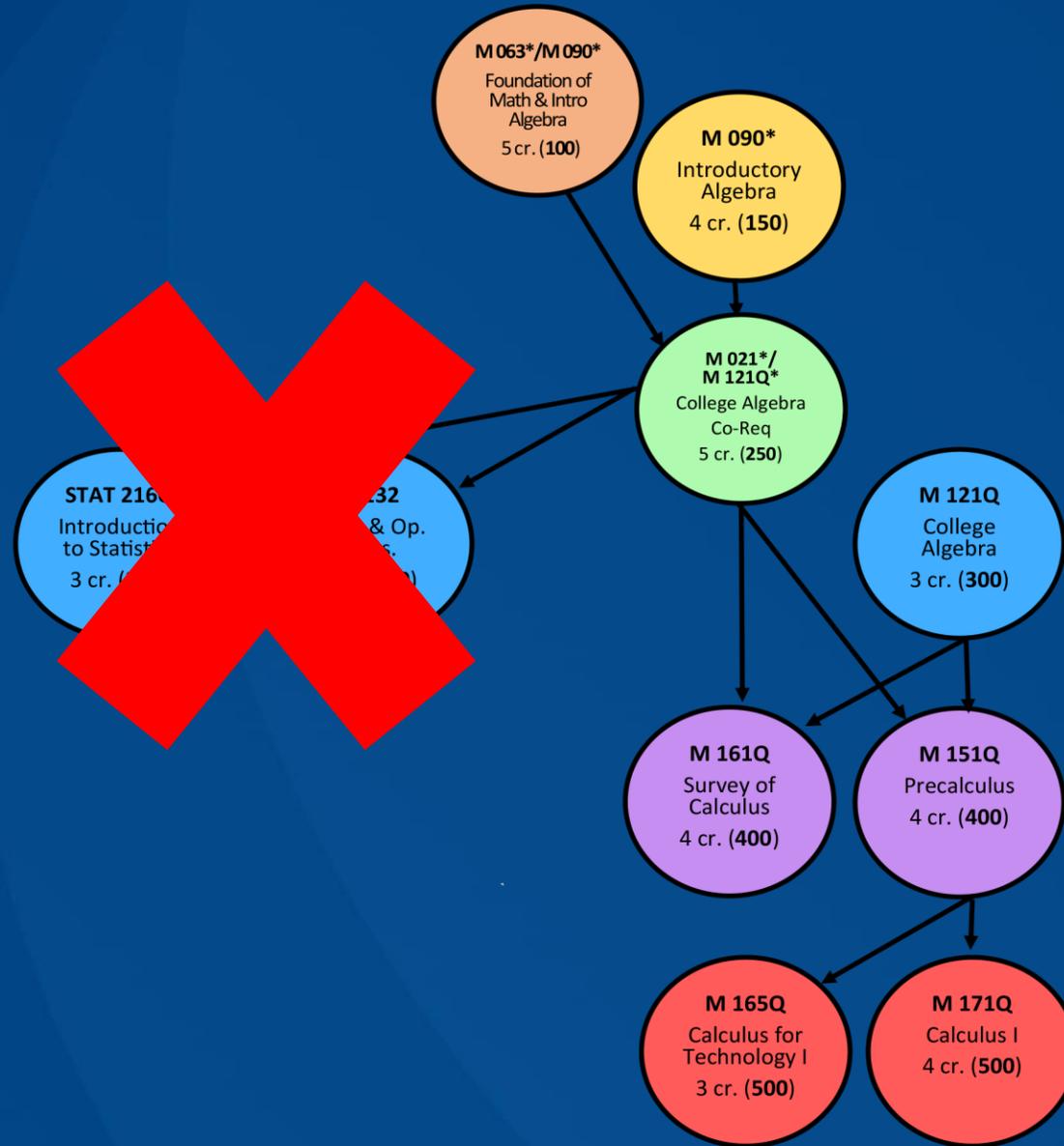
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  - If you have Pre-Calc/Calc credit already, pick an additional CORE class
- **1 CORE class - US Seminar *recommended* – 3 cr.**
  - HLD 121US Leadership Foundations\*
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Department will pre-register you today!  
Do not add them to your schedule when you register for classes

# Mathematics Prerequisite Flowchart

STEM, Business, Health, & Some Social Sciences

# What math level are you?



# Don't Like Your Math Placement?

- Take the **EdReady** online math assessment to improve your placement

OR

- If you've already taken it, work through the "Study Path" modules **BEFORE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF CLASSES** to attempt to raise your math placement level, saving time and money!



A large, ornate brick building with a central tower, surrounded by trees and a paved walkway. The building is illuminated by warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The scene is framed by lush green trees and a clear sky. A paved walkway leads towards the building, flanked by benches and landscaping.

# What's Happening Tomorrow?

**Registering for Fall Classes in the Registration Labs**

# Tools: DegreeWorks

## Check for HOLDS

Classification	Freshman
Advisor	Frazier, Allie
Overall GPA	0.00
Registration Hold	BZ-Immunization Hold   Contact: BZ 406-994-2312 Hlth Services Tuberculosis Screening Form   Contact: BZ 406-994-2312 Hlth Services

## Check the NOTES section

Notes		
	Entered by	Date
2025 OF1- 2025 Fall (275660) Jun 11 at 0915	Frazier, Allie	06/09/2025
2025 OF1- Your Fall 2025 Schedule should include the following courses; ARCH 121IA and ARCH 151RA (department will register you), M 151Q, 1-2 CORE classes of your choice (advisor does not recommend choosing CS/IN in your first semester.)	Frazier, Allie	06/09/2025



# Waiting on Transfer Credit?

AP Credit Equivalencies



Transfer Equivalencies (College Credit)



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IB Credit



# Tools: CatCourse

Term 2025 Fall Semester [Change](#)

Course Status Open Classes Only [Change](#)

Campuses 2 of 3 Selected [Change](#)

Course Modalities All Course Modalities Selected [Change](#)

Locations All Locations Selected [Change](#)

## Courses

[+ Add Course](#)

Add the courses you wish to take for the upcoming term.

## Breaks

[+ Add Break](#)

Add times during the day you do not wish to take classes.

## Current Schedule

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Status	Subject	Course	Component	Instructor	Dates	Day(s) & Location(s)	Course Modality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">i</a> Enrolled	ARCH	121IA	Lecture	LeClair, Chere R.	08/20/2025 - 12/10/2025	MWF 12:00pm - 12:50pm - REID 108	Face to Face
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">i</a> Enrolled	ARCH	151RA	Lecture	Lacasse, Parker K.	08/20/2025 - 12/10/2025	MWF 8:00am - 9:50am - CHEEVE 207	Face to Face

[Fees](#)

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**TOMORROW!**

Trust me!

# Tools: View Official Schedule

## ***Introduction to Design - ARCH 121IA - 001***

<b>Associated Term:</b>	2023 Fall Semester
<b>CRN:</b>	20870
<b>Status:</b>	**Registered** on Aug 08, 2023
<b>Assigned Instructor:</b>	Sherrill J. Baldwin-Halbe  , Rachael V. Lamb
<b>Grade Mode:</b>	Traditional
<b>Credits:</b>	3.000
<b>Level:</b>	Undergraduate - Semester
<b>Campus:</b>	MSU-Bozeman

## ***Scheduled Meeting Times***

Type	Time	Days	Where	Date Range	Schedule Type	Instructors
Class	12:00 pm - 12:50 pm	MWF	Reid Hall 105	Aug 23, 2023 - Dec 14, 2023	Lecture	Sherrill J Baldwin-Halbe (P.)  , Rachael Victoria Lamb

In My Info >> Student Services >> Registration >> Student Schedule by Day and Time **OR**  
Student Detail Schedule

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Be sure to click over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Fall classes!

Previous Week	Week of Aug 28, 2023 (2 of 17)						Next Week
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9am	M 151Q-002 21560 Class 9:00 am-9:50 am Wilson Hall 1142	M 151Q-002 21560 Class 9:00 am-9:50 am Wilson Hall 1142		M 151Q-002 21560 Class 9:00 am-9:50 am Wilson Hall 1142	M 151Q-002 21560 Class 9:00 am-9:50 am Wilson Hall 1142		
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11am		US 101US-018 24040 Class 10:50 am-12:05 pm Wilson Hall 1128		US 101US-018 24040 Class 10:50 am-12:05 pm Wilson Hall 1128			
12pm	ARCH 121IA-001 20870 Class 12:00 pm-12:50 pm Reid Hall 105		ARCH 121IA-001 20870 Class 12:00 pm-12:50 pm Reid Hall 105		ARCH 121IA-001 20870 Class 12:00 pm-12:50 pm Reid Hall 105		

# Resources

- **Canvas Advising shell**– all advising info/ handouts/presentations – **Check every month**
- **DegreeWorks** – track your degree requirements – **Check at least once a semester**
- **navMSU** – schedule appointments with me
- **CatsConnect** – find clubs and affinity groups!
- **AIAS** – architecture club; upstairs Cheever; rent supplies
- **1<sup>st</sup> Year Supply List** – don't buy until you attend ARCH 151 studio
- **MSU Book Store** – buy ARCH supplies
- **Laptop Requirement** – **not until 2<sup>nd</sup> year**



# Questions?

- Use navMSU to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment
- Email [Allie.Frazier@montana.edu](mailto:Allie.Frazier@montana.edu)
- Call 406-994-2925
- Stop by Cheever 140





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