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MONTANA
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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

More info at www.NCARB.org



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Degree Plan – B.A. Environmental Design

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design (B.A.) 126 credits 4-year Undergraduate Degree		
	120–140 students admitted 52% M 48% F	≈90–100 students
		≈80–90 students apply each May
1 st year	Fall Semester 2025 ARCH 121IA Intro to Design* 3 ARCH 151RA Design Fundamentals I* 4 M 151Q PreCalculus* or M 171Q Calculus* 4 1 CORE Class (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS) 3 Semester Credit total 14	Spring Semester 2026 ARCH 113 Intro to Pro Practice* 1 ARCH 152IA Design Fundamentals II* 4 ARCH 161 Intro to Graphics* 1 PHSX 205 College Physics* 4 2 Core Classes (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS) 6 Semester Credit total 16
	Apply for Formal Admission to the Environmental Design Program Up to 78 qualified students admitted • 2.7 overall GPA + 3.0 Studio GPA min. • Portfolio • *Courses completed prior to 2nd Year Students are formally admitted to final three years of program. No application process at end of 2nd or 3rd year	
2 nd year	Fall Semester 2026 ARCH 253 Architectural Design I 5 ARCH 261 Architectural Graphics I 3 ARCH 322IA World Architecture I 3 1–2 CORE Classes (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS) 3–6 Semester Credit total 14–17	Spring Semester 2027 ARCH 241 Building Construction I 3 ARCH 254 Architectural Design II 5 ARCH 262 Architectural Graphics II 3 ARCH 323IA World Architecture II 3 1 CORE Class (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS) 3 Semester Credit total 17
	Student Enrollment Status • 46% In-State • 12% WUE • 41.5% Out-of-State • 0.5% International Student Demographics • 0.5% Asian • 0.5% Black • 4% Hispanic • 2% Native American • 32% Not Reported • 0.7% Native Hawaiian/Island Pacific • 2% Two or more races • 58.2% White	
3 rd year	Fall Semester 2027 ARCH 331 Environ Ctrl Systems I (ECS) 4 ARCH 343 Architectural Structures I 4 ARCH 355 Architectural Design III 5 ARCH 363 Architectural Graphics III 3 Semester Credit total 16	Spring Semester 2028 ARCH 332 Environ Ctrl Systems II (ECS) 4 ARCH 340 Building Construction II 4 ARCH 344 Architectural Structures II 4 ARCH 356 Architectural Design IV 5 Semester Credit total 17
	≈60 students graduate in four years with a B.A. in Environmental Design ≈90% graduation rate	
4 th year	Fall Semester 2028 ARCH 431 Sustainability in Arch 3 Electives as needed 3–4 Take one of the following: ARCH 450 Community Design Center 5 ARCH 414/428 Foreign Study 9 ARCH 458 Architectural Design VI 5 ARCH 498 Arch Residency Design 6 1 CORE Class (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS) 3 Semester Credit total 15–18	Spring Semester 2029 ARCH 413 Professional Practice 3 ARCH 452 Arch Research Methods 3 ARCH 457 Architectural Design V 5 Non-Architecture Electives 3–4 1 CORE Class (D, W, US, IS, IH, IN, CS) if (If needed) 3 Semester Credit total 14–17
	Apply for Fall Admission to the M.Arch Program during January of 4th Year ≈60–65 students apply ≈50–55 students admitted—80% of our undergraduate students • 3.0 overall GPA • 3.0 overall Studio GPA min. • Portfolio • Three letters of recommendation	

2nd 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 1st 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 1st 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 (1st year studio work)**
 - **C- or higher in PHSX 205, M151Q, ARCH 121, 113**
- Up to **78** qualified students are admitted to 2nd 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 – 4th Year Fall



Classes for Fall

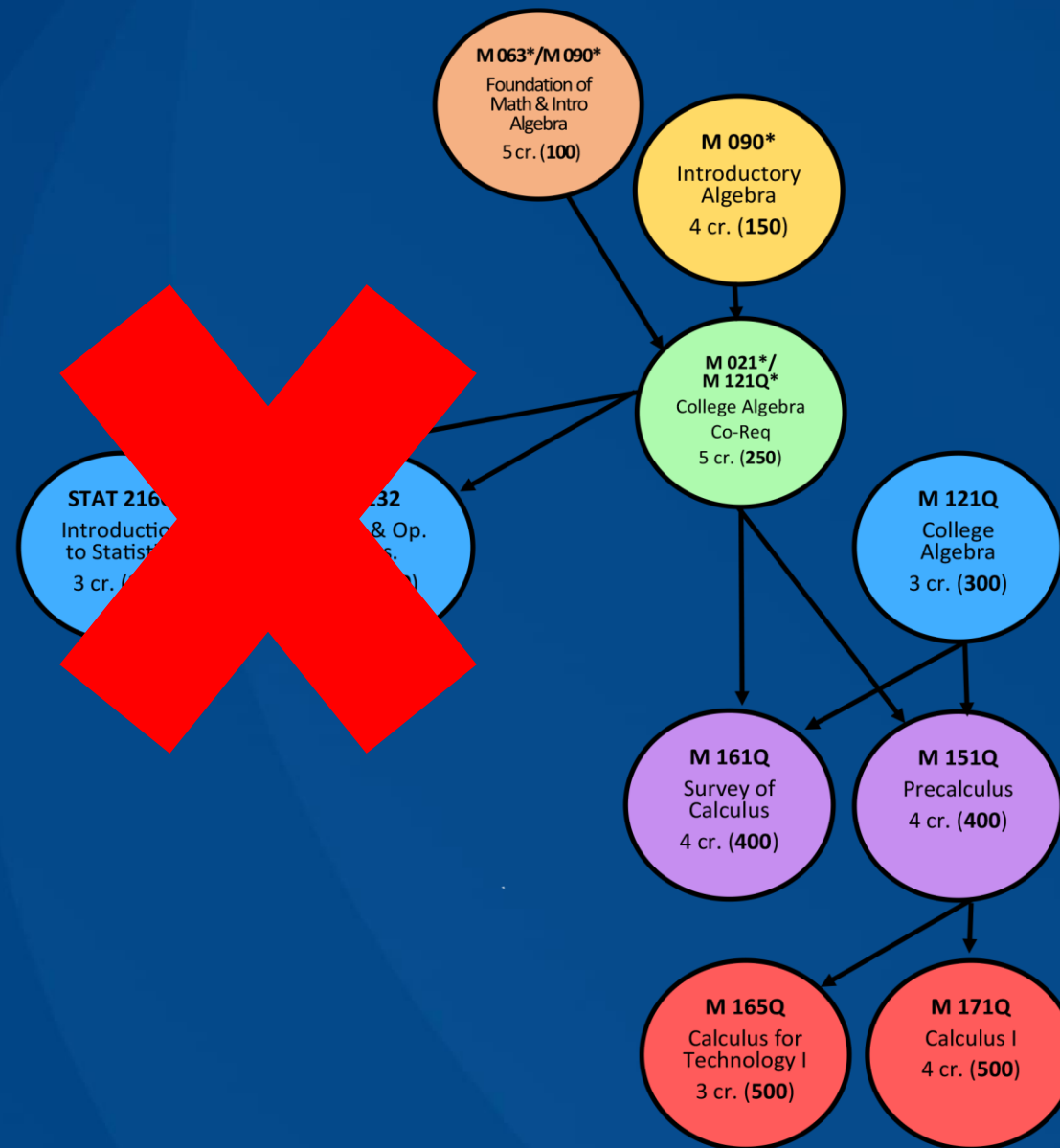
- **ARCH 121IA – Intro to Design – 3 cr.**
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 - MWF 10 – 11:50am (two sections)
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- **MATH (3 – 6 cr. depends on math placement – check DegreeWorks/ RAWR)**
 - If you have Pre-Calc/Calc credit already, pick an additional CORE class
- **1 CORE class - US Seminar *recommended* – 3 cr.**
 - HLD 121US Leadership Foundations*
 - CLS 101US if you like reading
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 - COMX 111US to improve public speaking
 - BGEN 104US if interested in Business – 1 section just for Arts and Architecture majors!
 - **Honors students will be enrolled in HONR 201US Text and Critics**
- **Optional 1 CORE class – IH, IS, D *recommended* – 3 cr.**

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 1st DAY OF CLASSES** to attempt to raise your math placement level, saving time and money!





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"/>	 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"/>	 Enrolled	ARCH	151RA	Lecture	Lacasse, Parker K.	08/20/2025 - 12/10/2025	MWF 8:00am - 9:50am - CHEEVE 207	Face to Face
								

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a seat in the Registration Labs
TOMORROW!


Trust me!

Tools: View Official Schedule

Introduction to Design - ARCH 121IA - 001

Associated Term:	2023 Fall Semester
CRN:	20870
Status:	**Registered** on Aug 08, 2023
Assigned Instructor:	Sherrill J. Baldwin-Halbe  , Rachael V. Lamb
Grade Mode:	Traditional
Credits:	3.000
Level:	Undergraduate - Semester
Campus:	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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Tools: View Official Schedule

Be sure to click over to the
2nd 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			
10am	ARCH 151RA-002 20822 Class 10:00 am-11:50 am Cheever Hall 145		ARCH 151RA-002 20822 Class 10:00 am-11:50 am Cheever Hall 145		ARCH 151RA-002 20822 Class 10:00 am-11:50 am Cheever Hall 145			
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
- **1st Year Supply List** – don't buy until you attend ARCH 151 studio
- **MSU Book Store** – buy ARCH supplies
- **Laptop Requirement** – **not until 2nd year**



Questions?

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



