

# Freshman Orientation 2025

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Schedule Appointments  
using NavMSU

## 01

### Path of an Architect

Architects must be licensed before they can practice as an architect or call themselves an architect. There are three main steps in becoming an architect: **education, experience and examination.**

Students should begin familiarizing themselves with the process by viewing the information on the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) website. Students may be able to start working on AXP hours while enrolled in their college program. [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org)

## 02

### Fall Classes

### Fall 2025 Classes

**ARCH 121IA**- Intro to Design- MWF 12-12:50 3 credits

- Majors Only Section

**ARCH 151RA**- Design Fundamentals I – Studio 4 credits

- Section 1: MWF 8:00-9:50 Parker Lacasse
- Section 2: MWF 10:00-11:50 Elly Usick
- Section 3: MWF 1:10-3:00 Staff
- Section 4: MWF 3:10-5:00 Staff
- Section 5: MWF 10:00-11:50 Zuzanna Karczewska

**Department will pre-register you TONIGHT in ARCH 121IA and ARCH 151RA (by random assignment) to ensure that you get your required courses**

**Math** - 3-6 credits – see Math note on RAWR; pick 1 additional CORE class if Pre-calc or Calc is already completed

**CORE Class** – we recommend US Seminar or WRIT101 – 3 credits

**Optional** - Additional 3 credits CORE Class (IH, IS, D)  
or 1 credit Activities course (ACT) or musical ensembles

- = Total 13-17 credits – 14-15 credits is ideal

### LAPTOP REQUIREMENT:

**Students should wait  
until 2nd year**

acceptance to purchase.  
Current Computer Specs  
can be found at



## 03

### Formal Admission

### 2nd Year Admission Process

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**. There are several criteria that are evaluated as part of the formal admission process. Those included are the **Overall GPA, ARCH GPA, and Portfolio Review Score.**

Up to 78 qualified students admitted

- At least a 2.70 Overall GPA
- 3.0 Architecture Studio GPA (average between ARCH 151 and 152)
- Portfolio (1st year studio work)
- C- or better in ARCH courses, M151Q, and PHSX 205

Students are formally admitted for the remaining 3 years of the program.

There is no application process at the end of 2nd or 3rd year.

Approximately 85-90 students apply each year

# Class Registration Process

Use DegreeWorks & CatCourse to register for classes

1. Review Advisor Notes in DegreeWorks - Plan is based on your current Math placement
2. Use CatCourse to register at your designated time in Reg Lab - check RAWR sheet
3. You will be pre-registered for **ARCH 121IA** and **ARCH 151RA** so **DO NOT ADD THESE CLASSES.**  
If these courses get loaded to your registration cart you will receive a registration error message that you are trying to register for the same class twice.
4. Add your correct Math class based on Math placement/DegreeWorks notes.
5. Select any other courses such as CORE or Electives (We do not recommend your CS/IN science CORES in 1st year. We recommend taking your US CORE or WRIT101W in Fall)
6. Generate Schedules
7. Pick the Schedule that works best for you and send to Registration Cart
8. Enter Advisor Pin from RAWR and select Register Button to complete registration in My Info

## RAWR Math Note:

## 1st Year Math & Physics Plan:

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| AP/IB Credit or Transfer credit for Calc or Pre-Calc = <b>no math</b>                             | Fall(25) - (take no Math) / Spring(26) PHSX 205  |
| Level 500: M 105Q/STAT 216Q/ M 165Q /M 171Q= take <b>M151Q or M 171Q</b>                          | Fall(25) - M 151 OR 171Q / Spring(26) PHSX 205   |
| Level 400: M 105Q/STAT 216Q/M151Q/ M 161Q = take <b>M 151Q</b>                                    | Fall(25) - M 151Q / Spring (26) PHSX 205   |
| Level 300: M 105Q/STAT 216Q/ M 121Q/M 132Q = take <b>M 121Q</b>                                   | Fall(25) - M 121Q / Spring(26) M 151Q / Summer(26) PHSX 205  |
| Level 250: M 005 (M 105Q coreq) or M 021 (M 121Q coreq) = take <b>M 021 + M 121Q</b>              | Fall(25) - M 021 + 121Q/ Spring (26) M 151Q / Summer (26) PHSX 205                                   |
| Level 150: M 005 (M 105Q coreq) or M 090 = take <b>M 090</b>                                      | Fall(25) - M 090 / Spring (26) M 021 + 121 / Summer(26) M151 & PHSX 205 = not recommended            |
| Level 100: M 088 or M 063 AND M 090 (with matching section numbers) = take <b>M 063 AND M 090</b> | Fall(25) - M 063 AND M 90 / Spring(26) M 021 + M121Q / Summer(26) M 151 & PHSX 205 = not recommended |