

ARCHITECTURE



Architecture at Drexel

The Architecture Two + Four Option offers an exciting, intensive course of study for a small class of 28 highly motivated students taught by senior faculty. A small class with close faculty supervision and dedicated studio facilities enables students to enter the workforce in mid-course, thus providing a head start to their professional careers. The Two + Four Option combines the benefits of full-time studies on campus with Drexel's tradition of excellence in architecture, which stresses professional growth and development in parallel with part-time studies.

In this option, two years of full-time study address the basic principles of architectural design, fundamental University core requirements in the arts and sciences, and job-related skills needed for entry-level professional positions. A comprehensive review of performance takes place after the first year to ensure that students are making sufficient progress in all areas. After successfully completing the full-time phase, students start full-time employment and continue their studies on a part-time basis for four additional years. As part-time students, they continue to take advantage of many of the benefits full-time students enjoy.

Special Features of the Two + Four Option

- This unique program combines the advantages of intensive full-time study and campus life with the educational advantages of professional apprenticeship.
- Small class of 28 students and close faculty supervision ensures individual attention and support.
- By working full-time in architecture offices while pursuing their studies, Drexel architectural students are able to give their professional careers a jump start.
- Work experience before graduation receives credit toward state licensure requirements.
- The Two + Four Option is economical. Part-time students earn full-time income, and part-time studies are charged on a credit hour basis. Also, some architectural employers provide tuition remission for their employees.

Program of Study

Drexel's Architecture program is structured into three areas of study: the studio/thesis sequence (87 credits), required and elective architectural coursework (65 credits), and required University coursework (69 credits). In the Two + Four sequence, 101 of the 221 credits required for graduation are completed in the first two years.

Enrichment Programs

The Department of Architecture runs Summer Study Tours Abroad to Rome and Paris as elective course offerings in History and Theory. These programs focus the travel portion into three-week periods to accommodate student work commitments.

Architecture vs. Architectural Engineering

Because Drexel University offers two programs with similar names, it is useful to point out the significant differences between them:

Architects design buildings to meet people's spatial, organizational, and aesthetic needs; they also coordinate the building design process. After earning a Bachelor of Architecture degree, graduates become registered architects by completing the required work experience and state licensing examinations.

Architectural engineers specialize in the design of engineering systems within buildings. Architectural engineers earn bachelor of science degrees and become professional engineers with the required experience and state examinations. Students whose interests are focused on the technological and engineering aspects of buildings should review Drexel's major in Architectural Engineering offered by the College of Engineering.

Accreditation and Professional Licensing

The Bachelor of Architecture degree program at Drexel is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). The Two + Four Option is an integral part of this program.

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University Catalog

A list of required courses for the Architecture major is available online at www.drexel.edu/catalog.

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