Frequently Asked Questions About The Yale College Undergraduate Architecture Major

1. What degree will I earn if I major in Architecture at Yale?

The major includes the study of architecture within the comprehensive liberal arts education of Yale College. The undergraduate major in architecture leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. It is not a professional degree in architecture.

2. What courses may I take as a Freshman?

* Freshmen may take various elective courses and seminars in architecture including a Freshman Seminar in Architecture.
  - Arch 005a Modern Architecture and the City
  - Calculus is recommended for the major

*See Yale College Program of Study for course descriptions

3. When do I take the REQUIRED courses for application to the architecture major?

In the Fall Semester of the Sophomore year you must take:
  - Arch 150a Introduction to Architecture

In the Spring Semester of the Sophomore year you must take:
  - Arch 154b Drawing Architecture
  - Arch 249b The Analytic Model

From the required sophomore courses you will compile your work into a portfolio that you will submit to the Admissions Committee along with a one page essay and a transcript of your grades. The application must be submitted to the DUS by March 31, 2016 and the portfolio is due the first week of May.

4. Which concentration (track) should I choose? **

The Design Track introduces complex processes involved in solving spatial and programmatic problems.

The History, Theory, and Criticism Track is intended to establish a broad historical and intellectual framework for the study of architecture.

The Urban Studies Track encourages a broad, interdisciplinary investigation of the complex forces that shape the urban physical environment.

Students are encouraged to talk with professors and juniors and seniors in the major to determine which track to choose and what elective courses are needed for each track. **Students may petition to change tracks through the Junior Year.

5. What courses are required in the Junior Year?

In the Fall Semester of the Junior year you must take:
  - Arch 250a Methods and Forms in Architecture I
  - Arch 260a History of Architecture I – From Antiquity to Baroque

In the Spring Semester of the Junior year you must take:
  - Arch 251b Methods and Forms in Architecture II
  - Arch 261b History of Architecture II – From the Eighteenth Century to the Millennium

6. What courses must Seniors take?

Students in the Design Track must take:
  - Arch 450a Senior Fall Studio
  - Arch 494b Advanced Senior Studio (spring)

Students in HTC and Urban Studies must prepare a Senior Essay due in April of the Spring semester and take:
  - Arch 490a Senior Research Colloquium (fall)
  - Arch 491b Senior Essay Project (spring)

7. How many total courses do I need to take in the major?

Architecture majors are required to take fifteen (15) course credits in the major including all required courses. Junior and Senior Studios are 1.5 credits each.
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