

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE, 2025-26

For more information about policies and requirements, please see the UMKC 2025-26 Catalog.

FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	HOURS	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
ENV-DSN 201 Design Studio 1	4	ENV-DSN 202 Design Studio 2	4
ENV-DSN 203 Survey of Design Professions	1	ENV-DSN 251 Architectural History 2	3
ENV-DSN 250 Architectural History 1	3	ENV-DSN 274 Digital Architecture 1	1
GEFSE 101 First Semester Experience	3	PHYSICS 210 General Physics I	4
MATH 110 Precalculus Algebra	3	Communication Requirement (COMM-ST 110, 140, 212 or 277)	3
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	15

SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	HOURS	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
ARCH 233 Building Construction Systems 1	3	ARCH 234 Building Construction Systems 2	3
ENV-DSN 252 Architectural History 3	3	ARCH 374 Digital Architecture 3	1
ENV-DSN 301 Design Studio	5	ENV-DSN 302 Design Studio 4	5
ENV-DSN 373 Digital Architecture 2	1	ENGLISH 225 English II: Intermed Academic Prose	3
ENGLISH 110 English I: Intro Academic Prose	3	GECDV Culture & Diverse Perspectives	3
GECRT-SS Critical Thinking in Behavioral & Social Sciences	3		
TOTAL	18	TOTAL	15

THIRD YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	HOURS	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
ARCH 265 Environmental Systems 1	3	ARCH 266 Environmental Systems 2	3
ARCH 303 Design Studio 5	5	ARCH 304 Design Studio 6	5
ENV-DSN 347 Building Structures 1	4	ARCH 348 Building Structures 2	4
Constitution Requirement (HISTORY 101, 102, POL-SCI 210, CJC 364 or HONORS 230)	3	GECRT-SS Critical Thinking in Natural & Physical Sciences	3
		GECUE Civic & Urban Engagement	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	18

FOURTH YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	HOURS	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
ARCH 401 Professional Support Elective	3	ARCH 401 Professional Support Elective (online)	3
ARCH 405 Design Studio 7 (on-campus or abroad)	5	ARCH 491 Internship (semester + summer)	10
GECRT-AH Critical Thinking in Arts & Humanities	3		
UPD 260 History of Planning & Urban Design	3		
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	13

FIFTH YEAR

FALL SEMESTER	HOURS	SPRING SEMESTER	HOURS
ARCH 401 Professional Support Elective	3	UPD 280 Land Use Planning	3
ARCH 425 Professional Practice	3	ARCH 401 Professional Support Elective	3
ARCH 475 Project Programming	3	ARCH 476 Design Communications	3
ARCH 495 Design Studio 9	5	ARCH 496 Design Studio 10	5
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	14

Additional Graduation Requirements: Civics Exam, HEIghten Exit Exam.

Total Credits to Graduate: 150

School of Science and Engineering

Why Major in Architecture



Beyond The Classroom

- UMKC has the **first Bachelor of Architecture** at a public institution in Missouri and the **only public, urban Architecture program** in the region.
- Our students learn to be architects within 20 miles of **75+ architecture firms**.
- Our studios provide an **open, collaborative** environment where students spend at least 9 course hours per week on design projects that emulate a design firm.
- Our program has **no required summer courses**, so students are able to spend that time completing internships.
- **Local professional architects** join students in studio to critique their work.
- Each year, Helix Architecture + Design sponsors the **Helix Prize**, a competition and scholarship for UMKC second-year Architecture students.



Personalize Your Degree

- Begin **building your portfolio** from your first semester at UMKC! Students are encouraged to put their own spin on designs, which provides a very personalized feel to their portfolio.
- During their fifth year, students get to choose their own project type as part of a thesis.
- Students take **Professional Support Electives** that echo the research of our faculty. Topics might include sustainability, building construction systems, focus on a specific building type, architectural history and preservation, or architectural theory.

After Graduation



- SSE connects students with industry partners in the area through information sessions and two STEM Career Fairs every year.
- Kansas City is considered a **hub for architecture** in the United States. Dozens of architecture and engineering companies are headquartered in Kansas City including BNIM Architects, HOK, HNTB, and Populous.
- Join local organizations like **American Institute of Architects (AIA-KC)** or **National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMAKC)**, where students have an immediate connection to a professional community.
- Kansas City is considered the **sports architecture capital of the world**. Local architects have designed groundbreaking projects like the Truman Sports Complex and the new CPKC Stadium, the only women's-specific sports venue in the world.