

The Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture offers a five-year program leading to the bachelor of architecture degree. The degree requirements are intended to provide students with a rigorous training in and exposure to the creative and technical aspects of architecture. The professional courses in the curriculum are supplemented and enhanced by required courses both within and outside the discipline of architecture. The requirements are as follows:

Courses	Credits	
	Sem 1	Sem 2
<b>First Year</b>		
Arch 111 A-B Architectonics	4	4
Arch 114 A-B Freehand Drawing	3	3
Arch 115 A-B History of Architecture I	3	3
Arch 118 A-B Computer Applications and Descriptive Geometry	2	2
FA100R A-B Introduction to Techniques	1	1
Arch 103-4 Calculus and Analytic Geometry	3	3
Freshman Seminar	3	-
Texts and Contexts: Old Worlds and New	-	3
Total Credits First Year	19	19
<b>Second Year</b>		
Arch 121 A-B Design II	5	5
Arch 122 A-B Structures I	2	2
Arch 125 A-B History of Architecture II	3	3
Ph 165-6 Concepts of Physics	2	2
The Making of Modern Society	3	-
The Modern Context: Figures and Topics	-	3
Total Credits Second Year	15	15
<b>Third Year</b>		
Arch 131 A-B Design III	5	5
Arch 132 A-B Structures II	2	2
Arch 133 Introduction to Urban History and Theories	-	2
Arch 134 A-B Environmental Technologies	3	3
Arch 135 A-B Building Technology	2	2
Electives*	4	2
Total Credits Third Year	16	16
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
Arch 141 A-B Design IV	5	5
Arch 142 A-B Structures III	2	2
Arch 143 A-B Construction Management	1	1
Electives *	7	7
Total Credits Fourth Year	15	15
<b>Fifth Year</b>		
Arch 151 A-B Thesis	6	6
Arch 152 Structures IV	2	-
Arch 154 A-B Professional Practice	1	1
Arch 205/225 Advanced Concepts/Topics	2	2
Electives *	4	6
Total Credits Fifth Year	15	15
<b>Total Credit Requirement for B.Arch. Degree</b>	<b>160</b>	

\*The bachelor of architecture curriculum includes 32 credits of *required* coursework in general studies (non-professional coursework outside the discipline of architecture). In addition to general studies, students also complete 30 *elective* credits. The elective component can be fulfilled by elective courses in subject areas such as architecture, humanities and social sciences, visual arts, mathematics, engineering, science and languages. Among the elective credits, at least six elective credits must be completed in humanities and social sciences. Additionally, a minimum of seven elective credits must be completed outside the discipline of architecture for a total of thirteen elective credits in general studies.

**Minor** Students who complete a minimum of 15 upper-division credits in a specific field of liberal arts may qualify for a minor in that field of humanities and social sciences. Minors are offered and will be designated on student transcripts in the following fields: American studies; art history; literature; history and society. Additional information is available from the office of the dean of humanities and social sciences.

## Accreditation

**NAAB** The National Architectural Accrediting Board mandates that the following information be included in catalogs: In the United States, most registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit professional degree programs in architecture offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may require a preprofessional undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the preprofessional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture of The Cooper Union offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs: Bachelor of Architecture (160 undergraduate credits). The next accreditation visit for this program will be in 2016.

The NAAB Conditions for Accreditation, Student Performance Criteria, Procedures for Accreditation as well as additional information about the School of Architecture's professional accreditation is available on The Cooper Union website via the link below:

<http://cooper.edu/architecture/curriculum/professional-accreditation>