Prepare for a career in the architecture design field with the University of Central Florida’s Bachelor of Design in Architecture degree program. This program helps you get the credentials you need to become a design professional or prepare for an advanced degree to become an architect. As a graduate of UCF’s program, you will be prepared to enter any NAAB accredited architecture graduate program to work towards your master’s degree. Additionally, you will be a competitive candidate, seeking positions with industry leaders who need your skills in areas such as drafting, design, environmental panning, website design, real estate development, museum curating and a variety of other design-related fields.

The UCF Architecture BDes is an upper-division program and is administered at the UCF Regional Campus at Valencia College-West by the College of Arts and Humanities' School of Visual Arts and Design. Students must complete two years of prerequisite coursework before being eligible to apply to the program through the process of pin-up. There are a number of ways to meet these pre-requisite requirements.
**Option A**

**Attend UCF & Valencia College**

- First Time in College students can enroll at UCF to take the General Education Program/State Core requirements while traveling to the Valencia West campus as a transient student to complete the required Architecture prerequisite courses.

- Transfer students and currently enrolled UCF students can also attend UCF while traveling to Valencia as a transient student to complete the Architecture prerequisite courses.

- Below are the steps involved in this option:
  1. Claim your major as Architecture Pending or add it as a second major.

  2. Apply to Valencia College-West Campus as a Transient Student. A link to the online application can be found at: [http://net1.valenciacollege.edu/future-students/admissions/](http://net1.valenciacollege.edu/future-students/admissions/). *It is important that you apply as a transient student and not as a degree seeking student if you wish to continue enrollment at UCF while also taking courses at Valencia.*

  3. Once you apply to Valencia as a transient student, you will want to submit a transient request. This is how you tell UCF that you are taking courses at another institution. The website to file the transient request is [http://www.flvc.org](http://www.flvc.org). Scroll over Student Services, click on Transient Student Admission Application. *This request must be filed each term that you will be attending Valencia as a transient student.*

  4. Once your transient request has been approved at UCF and at Valencia you will want to enroll in the courses through Valencia. If you have technical issues with enrollment you will want to contact Valencia directly.

  5. You will also want to follow up with UCF Housing if you are living on campus about your status as a transient student. In addition, it is critical that you follow up with financial aid to see what steps you have to take with your financial aid.
### Option B

- Attend Valencia College first, then transfer to UCF

- As a partner with UCF, Valencia College is the most direct option for preparing yourself to apply for the UCF Architecture program.

- Students who attend Valencia should complete the Associate of Arts, Architecture Pre-Major offered. (Students who have previously earned an AA from a Florida public institution only need to complete the Architecture pre-requisites.)

- This program ensures completion of the state of Florida General Education Program/State Core as well as the 10 required pre-requisites for the UCF Architecture Program.

- The further benefit of attending Valencia College is the Direct Connect to UCF program offered as collaboration between the two institutions. Students who participate in the program and successfully complete an AA degree from Valencia College are guaranteed admission to the University of Central Florida.

- A successful pin-up and competitive GPAs are required for admissions consideration in to the Architecture BDes major.

- Candidates from Valencia College are usually competitive applicants to the Architecture program.

### Option C

- Attend another institution first, and then transfer to UCF

- If you are a student transferring from another state of Florida public college or University, you can meet the same requirements.

- Students are encouraged to complete an Associate of Arts degree with a Florida Public Community College or University in order to fulfill the General Education Program/State Core requirements.

- The Architecture classes listed below can be found at various institutions around the state.

- Similar courses, or courses from schools outside of the state of Florida public college and university system (including all out of state institutions and all private colleges and schools), will need to be evaluated for equivalency by UCF’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions *AND* the faculty of the UCF Architecture Program.

- Similar courses are not guaranteed to transfer. Therefore, it is recommended that the Architecture courses still be taken at Valencia College or a state of Florida public college of university.
All students wishing to be considered for admission to UCF Architecture BDes program must meet the following requirements:

**Completion of the ten Architecture Program Pre-Requisite classes.**

*Please note that this is a two-year course sequence:*

1. **ARC 1201: Theory of Architecture** (also offered as ARC 2201 at some schools)
2. **ARC 1701: Architectural History I** (also offered as ARC 2701 at some schools)
3. **ARC 2702: Architectural History II** (also offered as ARC 1702 at some schools)
4. **ARC 1301: Architectural Design I**
5. **ARC 1302: Architectural Design II**
6. **ARC 2303: Architectural Design III**
7. **ARC 2304: Architectural Design IV**
8. **ARC 2461: Materials and Methods of Construction I** (also offered as ARC 1461 at some schools)
9. **ARC 2180: Introduction to Digital Architecture; AND**
10. **PHY 2053C: College Physics** or higher level physics course.
    a. *UCF students taking PHY 2053c at UCF or as a transient student must complete either MAC 1105c or MAC 1114.*
    b. *Valencia students enrolled in the Articulated Architecture AA must complete both MAC 1114 and MAC 1140 in addition to PHY 2053c.*
    c. *If you are not enrolled in the Valencia Architecture AA program then you only need to complete the prerequisite math courses.*

**Completion of the UCF General Education Program/State Core requirements through one of the following methods:**

1. Completion of an Associate of Arts degree from a Florida public community college, state college or University;
2. Receiving a "General Education Requirements Met" endorsement from a Florida public community college, state college or University (typically, a certification offered by some schools that the classes needed for a General Studies Associate of Arts degree have been met); OR
3. Completion of all classes to satisfy the General Education Program/State Core requirements as administered by UCF([http://transfer.sdes.ucf.edu/resources](http://transfer.sdes.ucf.edu/resources)), as well as successful completion of the Gordon Rule requirement.

Record of these pre-requisites and their completion must be received on official transcripts by UCF, directly from your previous institution(s).
**Pin-Up Review**

All students interested in the Bachelor of Design in Architecture will be required to participate in a Pin-Up Review. Pin-Up Review occurs during the spring semester for fall semester admission. Admission is ONLY offered for fall terms. Students will not be accepted to start the program in spring or summer semesters. Applicants must present samples of their best architectural design studio work in their pin-up exhibits. A team of faculty and industry professionals will rate each exhibit. While rating exhibits on the basis of overall quality rather than individual categories, they will look for examples of the following:

- Design process: Development of ideas, as well as two- and three-dimensional diagramming skills.
- Design resolution: Organizational skills in both two- and three-dimensions relating to spatial enclosure and circulation systems.
- Communication skills: Drawing quality (free-hand and hardline); three-dimensional drawings (axonometric, one-point and two-point perspectives); use of hierarchy in organizing information; and model-building skills.

All applicants are selected for the Bachelor of Design in Architecture program by a competitive ranking process, according to cumulative scores—a combination of overall GPA, architectural GPA and pin-up review score.

The committee evaluation model for admissions decisions is based on a pre-set point system:

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For more information on Pin-Up Review, including specific dates and deadlines, please visit the Architecture Program website at [www.architecture.ucf.edu](http://www.architecture.ucf.edu).

If you have questions regarding the Valencia College courses you should contact the Valencia College Architecture Advisor: Charles Davis, 407-582-5607, cdavis73@valenciacollege.edu.

For any questions you have regarding the University of Florida Citi Lab master’s program you will need to contact them directly. [http://gsoa.dcp.ufl.edu/main/categories/citylab-orlando](http://gsoa.dcp.ufl.edu/main/categories/citylab-orlando).

To discuss course specifics for the architecture courses offered at Valencia or UCF you may contact the Valencia director/UCF interim program director, Allen Watters, at Donald.Watters@ucf.edu.

I hope this information proves helpful, but should have any additional questions please feel free to contact [architecture@ucf.edu](mailto:architecture@ucf.edu) and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Regards,

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University of Central Florida

[http://svad.cah.ucf.edu](http://svad.cah.ucf.edu)
Students in the 14-15 catalog year and earlier are required to complete 10 hours of upper-level elective courses from the College of Arts and Humanities.

GEP

ENC 1101
Composition 1
(3 credits)

MAC 1140
or
MAC 1114
(3 credits)

GEP Communication Foundations
(3 credits)

GEP Cultural & Historical Foundations
1/3
(3 credits)

GEP Cultural & Historical Foundations
2/3
(3 credits)

GEP Social Foundations
1/2
(3 credits)

GEP Science Foundations
(3 credits)

ENC 1102
Composition 2
(3 credits)

GEP Mathematical Foundations
(3 credits)

GEP Cultural & Historical Foundations
1/3
(3 credits)

GEP Cultural & Historical Foundations
2/3
(3 credits)

GEP Social Foundations
2/2
(3 credits)

PHY 2053C
Physics 1
(3 credits)

Core Requirements: Basic Level
Completed as part of the A.A. in Architecture from Valencia College (or equivalent)

ARC 1301
Architectural Design 1
(4 credits)

ARC 1302
Architectural Design 2
(4 credits)

ARC 2303
Architectural Design 3
(5 credits)

ARC 2304
Architectural Design 4
(5 credits)

ARC 2461
Materials and Methods of Construction 1
(4 credits)

ARC 2180
Intro to Digital Architecture
(3 credits)

ARC 1201
Theory of Architecture
(3 credits)

ARC 1701
Architectural History 1
(3 credits)

ARC 2702
Architectural History 2
(3 credits)

Core Requirements: Advanced Level
Completed as part of the Bachelor of Design program at UCF.

ARC 4323L
Architectural Design 8
(6 credits)
SPRING ONLY

ARC 3463
Materials and Methods of Construction 2
(3 credits)
SPRING ONLY

ARC 4220
Architectural Theory 2
(3 credits)
FALL ONLY

ARC 3320L
Architectural Design 5
(6 credits)
FALL ONLY

ARC 3503
Architectural Structures
(3 credits)
FALL ONLY

ARC 3321L
Architectural Design 6
(6 credits)
SPRING ONLY

ARC 3610
Environmental Technology 1
(3 credits)
SPRING ONLY

ARC 3743
Architectural History 3
(3 credits)
SPRING ONLY

ARC 3181
Advanced Topics in Digital Architecture
(3 credits)
FALL ONLY

ARC 3503
Architectural Structures
(3 credits)
FALL ONLY

LEGEND
co-requisite
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pre-requisite
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Electives

Students in the 14-15 catalog year and earlier are required to complete 10 hours of upper-level elective courses from the College of Arts and Humanities plus any additional electives to meet the 120 hour requirement.
Transient

Florida Public Institution

College of Arts and Humanities students wishing to attend another Florida public institution (state college or university) are required to complete an electronic transient form through Florida Virtual Campus at [https://www.floridashines.org/](https://www.floridashines.org/). Students should select “Take a Course” from the blue menu in the middle of the page.

Electronic transient forms are usually processed by the college within 24 — 48 hours of submission.

Students planning on using any transient course for their major or minor must verify with their major or minor advisor that the transient course will count toward the requirements. **NOTE: It is against university policy to be transient in the graduating term.**

For questions regarding Florida Virtual Campus, please visit [https://www.floridashines.org/get-help](https://www.floridashines.org/get-help) for more information.

Florida Private or Out-of-State Institution

College of Arts and Humanities students wishing to attend a non-Florida or private institution must complete a paper transient form. Students should contact CAHSA for information on completing a transient form. Students considering taking courses transient at an out-of-state or international institution should contact a CAHSA advisor immediately.

Students who have been approved to take classes at another institution while attending UCF might have those hours counted toward meeting financial aid requirements for some programs at UCF.

If you have questions regarding the submission of transient requests, please contact us at cahsa@ucf.edu.

Financial Aid Information

Transient enrollment will not meet eligibility criteria for institutional aid programs, such as UCF Grant, UCF Scholars Award or Pegasus Scholarships. Courses taken elsewhere must meet some major or general education requirements to be calculated as part of student aid eligibility. All of the following documents must be submitted to the Office of Student Financial Assistance on or before the withdrawal deadline of the term in which aid is to be disbursed:

1. Transient Form for Financial Aid
2. Approved Advisor Authorization Form obtained from [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org) or Transient Student Approval Form with all required signatures
3. A copy of the fee invoice and class schedule from other institution confirming that the classes and hours enrolled match the Transient Form for Financial Aid
4. A completed Consortium Agreement Form signed by the financial aid office of the transient school.

Transient enrolled students must make arrangements to pay tuition and fees at the visited school since there is no system for deferral of those tuition and fees. In addition, it is the student’s responsibility to insure that the visited school promptly provides the UCF Registrar’s Office with academic transcripts at the conclusion of the term, confirming that the attempted hours are completed. This will help avoid academic progress problems.

Students who expect to receive funds under any of the federal loan programs must enroll for a minimum of six undergraduate hours at UCF in UCF classes to meet eligibility requirements. Students may not receive financial aid from two institutions at the same time. Students must decide which of the two institutions is the primary school at which they are degree seeking and apply for aid there. Any inaccuracy will result in a mandatory repayment to one of the two schools for the overpayment.

If you have questions regarding Financial Aid, please contact the [Office of Student Financial Assistance](http://www.uncg.edu/studentaid/).
How to Complete the Online Transient Form

PLEASE NOTE: Before submitting a Transient Form, verify the admissions process and requirements at your desired Transient Institution.

1. Go to [https://www.floridashines.org/](https://www.floridashines.org/)

2. Scroll over "Succeed in College" icon in the middle of the webpage and select “Take a Course at another School”

3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "Start or check the status of your Transient Student Admission Application now”

4. Select your Home Institution (University of Central Florida); Log in with your NID and NID password. When you’re finished, click “Continue”

5. From the “Your School or College” drop-down list, select the School or College in which you’re enrolled (i.e. College of Arts and Humanities):
   - Select the program in which you're enrolled (i.e. English)
   - Select "Next"

6. Fill in your Personal information on the Transient Form appropriately and accurately.

7. Under the section labeled “Schools”, select the transient institution you desire from the “Host institution” drop-down list

8. Under the section labeled “Term & Year in Which You Will Be Transient”, select the term you wish to go transient in from the “Term” drop-down list (i.e. Fall) and the year of the term from the “year” drop-down list (i.e. 2015)

9. Under the section labeled “Course(s) to be taken at Transient Institution” you should:
   - First, under the “Prefix” column, list the prefix of the course (i.e. ENC)
   - Under the “Number” column, list the course number (i.e. 1101)
   - Under the “Hours” column, list the amount of credit hours for the course (i.e. 3)
   - Under the “Course title” column, list the title of course (i.e. English Composition)
   - Under the “Use of the Course” column, select whether each course will be used for General education, Major Requirements, or Electives.
   - Repeat this process until all courses you desire to take are listed and all the required information completed.

Check the back for further instructions....
10. Please write any comments you might have in the box labeled "Student Comments" area (i.e. if the course counts toward your minor, if the course is for major requirements, or is being taken to be close to home, etc.)

11. Complete the section labeled “Financial Aid”

12. Read the “Student Acknowledgement” and then select the "Click to Sign" in the pink arrow at the bottom of the page. Your name will appear in the box, as well as the date and time you signed.

13. Review form for any errors. Select "Send" (click one time) to release the form. The form will be sent electronically to the advising office in your college. You will receive an email in your e-mail account once the form has been approved.

** You can check the status of your form by signing on to my https://www.floridashines.org/ or by checking your email frequently.

14. Once the transient application has been approved, contact the other institution to complete the registration process for the course(s) you plan to take transient.

15. Upon completion of all transient courses, you must request for your official transcripts to be sent to UCF and you must check your degree audit to ensure all grades have been posted.