Bachelor of Science in Architecture
Demonstration of robotic capabilities in the Robotic Fabrication Seminar program in order to prepare for architectural licensure. Some pursue graduate study in related fields, including landscape architecture, engineering, art, construction, urban planning, urban design, or historic preservation. Others find opportunities with architecture firms or use the degree as a springboard for creative work in unrelated fields.

The first two years of the program combine the study of liberal arts with foundational architecture classes, exposing students to a broad educational experience while allowing them to develop the skills and knowledge essential to the study of contemporary architecture. During the last two years, students focus on architecture core courses such as design, representation, construction, structures, environmental sciences, and architectural history and theory. Taubman College students understand the complexity of the design process, have knowledge of the techniques and technology of building, and possess the intellectual and aesthetic skills necessary for a creative synthesis of that information into meaningful and expressive design solutions.

Taubman College is one of 19 schools and colleges within the University of Michigan. Our unique features include: a state-of-the-art digital fabrication laboratory; a design studio measuring over 37,500 square feet; extensive travel abroad opportunities; a committed, energetic, award-winning faculty with a wide range of research and design interests; a robust series of guest lectures and conferences; a globally diverse student body; and a 12:1 student to faculty ratio.

Applicants to the undergraduate architecture program can apply three different ways: as a freshman; as a cross-campus transfer (after completing two years of coursework at the University of Michigan); or as a new transfer (after completing two years of coursework outside the University of Michigan).

“The study of architecture at Taubman College combines the disciplinary rigor of an architectural education with the breadth of the liberal arts within the context of a faculty engaged in creative practice and cutting-edge research.”

— Sharon Haar, Architecture Program Chair
Freshman Applicants

High school seniors who have demonstrated an interest in architecture and/or design that can be translated into a portfolio are encouraged to apply for freshman admission. Demonstrated interest may include: taking visual art, CAD, or drafting classes; making things from imagination or invention (e.g. graphic design, furniture, sewing, crafts, costumes, theatre sets, etc.); experience with rendering software, digital technology (e.g., laser cutting, CNC machines, rapid prototyping, robotics, etc.) or woodshops; attending an architecture magnet high school, summer program, or after-school program; or working at an architecture firm.

Admission to Taubman College as a freshman student is highly competitive. Prospective architecture students are encouraged to investigate dual degree admission to Taubman College and another University of Michigan school or college (the College of Literature, Science & the Arts [LSA]; the College of Engineering; or the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design) to position themselves for preferred admission or dual enrollment.

Preferred Admission

The Preferred Admission Program creates another pathway to the Undergraduate Architecture Program for incoming U-M freshmen in LSA, the College of Engineering, or the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design. Students admitted through the Preferred Admission Program secure entry into the B.S. degree track in their junior year if 3.0 GPA and course requirements are met. LSA, the College of Engineering dual, and the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design applicants will be considered for preferred admission after being admitted as a freshman.

Dual Applications

Prospective students interested in acquiring multiple degrees from the University of Michigan may apply to Taubman College and one of the following schools or colleges as incoming freshmen: the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA), the College of Engineering, or the Stamps School of Art & Design. Each institution will independently review and issue an admission decision for dual applications.

Applicants pursuing dual application with Taubman College are encouraged to submit their applications to LSA, the College of Engineering, or the Stamps School as early as possible, as students are admitted to these schools on a rolling basis. The Early Action deadline for LSA, the College of Engineering, and the Stamps School is November 1st.

High School Preparation

The most important consideration for students interested in studying at the University of Michigan is the quality of the core college preparatory curriculum. Students should elect advanced placement, international baccalaureate, honors, enriched, and accelerated high school courses when appropriate and possible.

Recommended additional courses if available: 2D/3D design, visual art, CAD, or drafting class; woodshop; graphic design; participation in architecture or design focused summer programs or high schools.

Application

Please visit taubmancollege.umich.edu/applyarchitecture for detailed information about the bachelor of science in architecture requirements, application instructions, to schedule a visit, and to view sample schedules and course descriptions.
Current U-M students have the opportunity to engage in over 200 disciplines as part of a liberal arts curriculum at a world-class university. Taubman College faculty recognize the value of a liberal arts education to the shaping of a designer. In preparation for the architecture curriculum, students complete between 60-70 credit hours and follow a curriculum of prescribed prerequisite architecture courses. Within these requirements there remains ample opportunity for students to select coursework and electives of individual interest. U-M students who elect to continue their pursuit of architecture apply to Taubman College at the end of sophomore year for junior level entry. Once enrolled, students begin an intensive architecture curriculum that provides a firm foundation in the vocabularies, principles, skills, techniques, and knowledge of a broad range of environmental design determinants that are essential to professional work in architecture.

**Application**

The application deadline for cross-campus transfer applicants is February 1st. A portfolio of visual work, including pre-architecture courses, is required; the annual portfolio deadline is March 1st.

Students are also able to complete the first two years of coursework at any accredited community college, college, or university other than the University of Michigan. Prior to beginning the undergraduate program junior year, applicants must complete a minimum of 51 credit hours/90 quarter hours, up to a maximum of 70 credit hours/105 quarter hours of prerequisite courses. See the reverse side of this brochure for requirements. Complete transfer guides are available at taubmancollege.umich.edu/transferguides.

Ideally, this course of study requires four and one-half years (nine terms/full time) for completion. The first two years will be done externally with the remaining two years to be completed at the University of Michigan and Taubman College. Usually, new transfer students apply to Taubman College during winter term of their sophomore year. New transfer students begin architecture study in an intensive summer half-term prior to their junior year to facilitate a smooth transition to the Taubman College studio culture.

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Bachelor of Science
Required Courses (125 credits)

1 English composition course (4 credits)
1 calculus course (4 credits)
1-2 physics courses (lecture and lab) (5-10 credits)
3 introductory architecture/art studios (13 credits)
2 history of architecture courses (6 credits)
1 digital drawing course (3 credits)
2 humanities courses (6 credits)
2 social science courses (6 credits)
1 natural science course (3 credits)
4-5 architectural design studios (24-30 credits)
2 design fundamentals courses (6 credits)
1 construction course (3 credits)
2 structures courses (6 credits)
6-9 elective courses (20-36 credits)
1 environmental systems course (3 credits)
1 fabrication/representation course (3 credits)
1 Wallenberg Seminar (1 credit)

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For more information, please visit:

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