

**The Ohio State University  
College of Engineering  
Knowlton School of Architecture  
Architectural Studies Minor (ARCHST-MN)**

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Every engaged citizen will impact the physical environment, from renovating a family home to voting on large civic projects. Therefore, every student should be educated to make informed decisions when doing so. Through courses in this Minor, students arrive at an understanding of the world: a global ecology of diverse cultures linked by electronic media and the earth's limited resources. Because of architecture's broad cultural impact, the Minor in Architectural Studies is geared towards a wide audience.

The minor consists of 12 credit hours as outlined below.

**Required courses (1 course; 3-4 CH):**

Choose **one** of the following:

KNOW 2300, Outlines of the Built Environment (3)

KNOW 2310, Seeing and Making (4)

**Electives (1-3 courses; minimum 9 CH)**

Choose at least 9 CH of coursework from the list below and/or any unused courses from the **Required Courses** listed above:

ARCH 2220, Sustainability in the Built Environment (3)

ARCH 2610, Introduction to Digital Design Software (3)

ARCH 4798(E), Domestic Study Tour (1-15)

ARCH 4880, Interdepartmental Seminar (1-15)

ARCH 5110, History of Architecture I (3)

ARCH 5120, History of Architecture II (3)

ARCH 5210, Forms of Architectural Theory (3)

ARCH 5290, Topics in Architectural Theory (3)

ARCH 5510, Materials and Envelope 1 (3)

ARCH 5520, Materials and Envelope 2 (3)

ARCH 5590, Topics in Building Technology (3)

ARCH 5798, Study Tour (1-15)

ARCH 5810, Architectural Environments (3)

**Architectural Studies Minor program guidelines:**

Credit hours required: 12 credit hrs minimum. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 13 credit hrs minor. At least 6 credit hrs must be upper division as defined by the College of Engineering (3000-level or above).

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed: A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to two courses between the GE and the minor as long as the minor consists of at least 4 courses.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Declaring the minor

Students should see their assigned academic advisor to declare the minor prior to the filing of the graduation application. Students do not need the approval of the Knowlton School of Architecture to declare the minor.

Approval of Coursework

*Initial approval of the minor coursework*

Students who complete the minor following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor that the minor appears complete on the degree auditing system. No approval from the Knowlton School of Architecture is required.

*Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the minor program:*

Students must obtain the approval of the Knowlton School of Architecture to apply courses not listed on this form toward the Architectural Studies minor. Please email Jessica Baer-Graves ([baer-graves.1@osu.edu](mailto:baer-graves.1@osu.edu)) to request approval.

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