

Professionals in Architecture provide professional design services to individuals and organizations planning a construction project. You may be involved in all phases of development, from the initial discussion with the client through the entire construction process. Specific duties include designing, engineering, managing, supervising and communicating with clients and builders. Once a plan is accepted, you may develop a draft using computer-aided design and drafting technology.

What type of career can I have with this major?

Since this major is so practical comprehensive, you will have a variety of excellent employment opportunities.

- Architecture Surveyor
- Architecture Technician
- Computer-Aided Drafter
- Construction Manager
- Contractor
- Corporate Developer
- Environmental Designer
- Green Designer
- Greenhouse Manager
- Garden Designer
- Industrial Designer
- Interior Designer
- Landscape Architect
- Landscape Architecture Technician
- Surveying Technician

Where can I work?

This profession provides you with a choice of various work environments including government agencies, non-profit organizations, for-profit agencies, public and private companies, and firms.

- Architecture Firms
- Colleges and Universities
- Construction Firms
- Contractors
- Corporations
- Design Firms
- Engineering Firms
- Federal Government Agencies
- Local and State Government
- Preservation Firms
- Private Practice
- Real Estate Development Firms/Offices
- State and Federal Government
- Transportation Companies
- Urban Planning Firms

What type of professional organizations and resources are available in this industry?

There are many professional organizations that offer resources, articles, job opportunities, training and conference information. We suggest you visit each organization's website to gather more information and contacts in your field.

- American Design and Drafting Association
- American Institute of Architects
- Industrial Designers Society of America
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- Intern Development Program, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

What type of Architecture program does Mesa offer?

San Diego Mesa College offers Certificates and Associate in Science Degrees with several Architecture options for those who desire direct employment, transfer to a college of architecture or engineering or transfer to Woodbury University.

- Certificate of Performance: Architecture Technician | Architecture | Computer Aided Drafting | Garden Design | Landscape Architecture Technician
- Certificate of Achievement: Architecture Survey | Architecture Technician | Architecture | Construction Management | Landscape Architecture Technician | Landscape Architecture | Woodbury Transfer Track
- Associate in Science: Architecture Survey | Architecture Technician | Architecture | Construction Management | Landscape Architecture Technician | Landscape Architecture | Woodbury University Transfer Track

See college catalog for program descriptions, course titles, and areas of emphasis.

Getting a Degree/Certificate/License in... **ARCHITECTURE**

Associates Degrees/Certificates

Getting Started

- Step 1: [Application](#) - Start by completing the online application for admission
Step 2: [Orientation](#) - Complete the online New Student Orientation (Flash player required)
Step 3: [Assessment](#) - Visit the Assessment office to learn about English and math testing
Step 4: [Advisement](#) - Complete the online First Semester Planning Workshop
Step 5: [Registration](#) - Register for classes

While You're Taking Classes

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| Update your resume and craft a cover letter | Attend job fairs | Conduct industry research |
| Look into volunteer/internship opportunities | Perform job searches | Think about transfer options |
- See the Transfer or Career Center for assistance*

Transfer Options

Getting Started

1. Join a professional architecture association as a student member
2. Decide if you will major in architecture for transfer
3. Map out where you want to transfer for your architecture Bachelor's degree

Education Planning

Fall semester 1st year (1-15 units):

- 1) Attend transfer workshops
- 2) Review articulation agreements
- 3) Map general education (GE) requirements
- 4) Identify regionally accredited 4-year institutions to apply
- 5) Attend a Transfer Fair
- 6) Meet with a counselor

Spring semester 1st year (16-30 units):

- 1) Continue to attend transfer workshops
- 2) Check-in with a counselor to make sure your educational plan is on track
- 3) Seeking tutoring assistance in the academic skills center to keep your grades competitive

Fall semester 2nd year (31-45 units):

- 1) Submit admissions applications to 4-year institutions: Fall for CSU/UC; Early spring for private and out-of-state institutions
- 2) Identify deadlines and due dates for admissions transcripts and other documents

Spring semester 2nd year (46-60 units):

- 1) Identify deadlines and due dates for admissions transcripts and other documents
- 2) Submit your FAFSA between January 1st-March 1st.
- 3) Turn in your deposit and registration forms to the institution you decide to attend.
- 4) Attend the transfer orientation event(s) at your new campus
- 5) Complete academic coursework and transfer!

While You're Taking Classes

- Update your resume
- Prepare a cover letter
- Complete an internship in architecture
- Build your network
- Maintain a strong GPA
- Hold a leadership position in an architecture club/society
- Find a mentor
- Visit your Career Center as much as possible!

Steps to becoming an Architect

