



Course Waiver/Transfer Instructions

Welcome to the School of Architecture!

We conduct a thorough review of your portfolio and transcript(s). Our goal is to match as many of our courses with those you have taken at previous institutions. To ensure this goal,

- Please list the course numbers on your portfolio pages so that we can cross-reference with transcript(s).
- Please list all software used to create the work on your portfolio pages.
- Please submit a completed Course Waiver/Transfer Request form.

For placement into architecture studio and media classes, please submit as many of the following as possible:

1. **Floor plans, sections, site plans**
2. **Physical models**
3. Freehand sketches
4. **Diagrams used as a conceptual design tool** – Diagrams can be drawings or models, 2D or 3D
5. Representation of topography in a drawing and/or model
6. Site analysis
7. Program diagrams
8. Precedent analysis
9. **List all software programs used** – We are looking for Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, AutoCad, Rhino, Revit, Enscape, Twinmotion, Lumion.

If you are transferring from a NAAB-accredited program, most of your architecture courses will transfer. To aid the review process, please attach a degree break down and highlight the courses you have taken. Most architecture schools publish a semester-by-semester breakdown of required courses on their websites.

Student Work Examples

Our department blog includes many examples of our students' work. Please take advantage of this resource to determine what to highlight in your portfolio.

1. Go to <https://architecture.academyart.edu/> and click on the filter "Undergraduate Courses." Browse through the courses one by one. Most studio and media courses include student work.
2. Or go to this link for a quick preview of just the architectural design studio courses: <https://architecture.academyart.edu/portfolio-item/undergraduate-studio-projects/>
3. Or go to this link to view student portfolios from the first 2 years of our program: <https://architecture.academyart.edu/portfolio-item/mid-point-student-portfolios/>

Semester Breakdown & Course Descriptions

BArch <https://www.academyart.edu/art-degree/architecture-b-arch/>
<https://www.academyart.edu/courses/?back=5733&plan=BARCH-ARH>

BA <https://www.academyart.edu/art-degree/architecture-ba/>
<https://www.academyart.edu/courses/?back=96156&plan=BA-ARH>



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<i>Applicant Name</i>	
<i>Previous Institution Website</i>	
<i>Total Units Earned</i>	
<i>GPA</i>	

Please list a course only once. Please do not list a course multiple times.

	<i>AAU Course</i>	<i>Previous Institution Course Number and Name</i>	<i>Previous Institution Course Description</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Portfolio Page No.</i>
Design Studio	ARH 110 Studio 1: Conceptual Design Studio					
	ARH 150 Studio 2: Spatial Ordering & Form					
	ARH 210 Studio 3: Site Operations & Tectonic Systems					
	ARH 255 Studio 4: Assembly Building & Context					
	ARH 315 Studio 5: Advocacy in Design					

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Media & Drawing	FND 113 Sketching for Communication (hand sketches of the built environment relative to the human scale)					
	ARH 170 Design Communication 1 (Rhino and Illustrator used to create Floor Plans, Sections, Elevations, Axons, Diagrams)					
	ARH 180 2D Digital Visual Media (AutoCAD, Photoshop, Illustrator)					



	ARH 390 3D Digital Modeling (Rhino and Twin Motion)					
	ARH 399 Building Information Modeling (Revit and Enscape or Lumion)					

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Systems & Technology	ARH 239 Materials & Methods (Construction materials)					
	ARH 240 Site Design & Mapping (Topography, grading, accessibility, planning code)					
	ARH 320 Structures: Wood & Steel (Trigonometry and Physics must be pre-reqs)					
	ARH 330 Structures: Concrete, Masonry, & Tensile Systems (Trigonometry and Physics must be pre-reqs)					
	ARH 430 Climate & Energy Use: Sustainable Strategies (Climate Consultant, Climate Studio, COMFEN)					

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History & Theory	LA 219 History of the Built Environment 1 (Ancient to Gothic)					
	LA 249 History of the Built Environment 2 (Renaissance to 1900)					
	LA 319 History of the Built Environment 3 (1900 to present)					



	LA 429 Architecture Theory					
	LA 449 Urban Design Theory					

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Society & Profession	LA 292 Programming & Culture (Human behavior)					
	LA 485 Tell Your Story: Personal Statement, Portfolio, Resume					
	ARH 475 Professional Practices for Architects					