

Student Advising Services

109 Norton Hall, Phone: 716-645-6013

Email: sas-advisor@buffalo.edu , Web: <http://sas.buffalo.edu>

Alternatives to Architecture

Perhaps you are interested in aspects of Architecture but are finding—for one reason or another—that an Architecture career isn't for you. Listed here are some examples of career tracks that retain attributes of the Architecture major but are different in approach or application. You might find in one of these majors a concentration in some of the qualities you entered Architecture for, but lead to a career in which you're actually more interested.

Undergraduate Catalog

<http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/env.shtml>

Environmental Design

<http://www.ap.buffalo.edu/planning/>

116 Hayes Hall • (716).829.2133

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning offers a breadth of general knowledge through its Environmental Design B.A. degree program on understanding designed urban and built environments, and teaches skills in information analysis, computing, graphical, and written communications. In addition, Environmental Design offers specialized courses in land use, community development, facilities development, local government policy, economic development, environmental affairs, real estate development, community design, and geographic information systems. The Environmental Design B.A. utilizes the bi-national Buffalo-Niagara region as a laboratory for community planning and design.

Undergraduate Catalog:

<http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/ahi.shtml>

Art History

<http://www.visualstudies.buffalo.edu/>

608 Clemens Hall • (716).645.2435

The Department of Art History is committed to exploring what the visual arts (painting, sculpture, performance art, graphic arts, architecture, photography, and decorative arts) reveal about the cultures that produced them. Using a diverse range of methodological approaches, the art history faculty helps students acquire the necessary tools and knowledge to make sense of our visual world. An art history major is ideal for students who wish to pursue a career in the arts, but it is equally valuable for those seeking to develop visual, analytical, and communicative skills.

Undergraduate Catalog:

<http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/art.shtml>

Visual Studies

<http://www.visualstudies.buffalo.edu/>

202 Center for the Arts • (716).645.6878

Choosing Art is a likely fit for Architecture students looking for more open-ended creative flexibility. If you are interested in communication design, computer art, painting, photography, printmaking or sculpture, then the Art major would be perfect for you. Many alumni go on to become successful artists, and possible other careers include working in art galleries, museums, and auction houses as directors, curators, preparators, installers, and art handlers, as well as in conservation, fabrication, grant writing, and more.

Undergraduate Catalog:

<http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/eas.shtml>

Engineering and Applied Sciences

<http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/>

410 Bonner Hall • (716).645.2774

The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences offers eight programs leading to the bachelor of science (BS) degree in engineering: aerospace, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, environmental, industrial, and mechanical engineering. The undergraduate engineering program is intended to provide a solid background in engineering fundamentals and to give students an opportunity for hands-on experience throughout the engineering curriculum. The program provides students with a strong technical foundation, enables them to integrate their engineering education within the broader economic and technological environment, and provide students with a desire for continued learning.

Student Advising Services

109 Norton Hall, Phone: 716-645-6013

Email: sas-advisor@buffalo.edu , Web: <http://sas.buffalo.edu>

Alternatives to Architecture

Undergraduate Catalog:

<http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/th.shtml>

Theatre

<http://www.theatredance.buffalo.edu/>
285 Alumni Arena • (716).645.6898

If you're interested in working on sets where you can plan and build various life-size models, structures and environments, this creative-minded field may be a great major for you. Performance and production are essential parts of the curriculum, providing hands-on learning experiences.

Undergraduate Catalog:

<http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/geo.shtml>

Geography

<http://www.geog.buffalo.edu/>
275 Park • (716).645.6883

Undergraduate Catalog:

<http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/academicprograms/envstu.shtml>

Environmental Studies

<http://cas.buffalo.edu/programs/idp/ugrad/>
203 Clemens Hall • (716).645.2245

There are several majors that might also be a great fit for you that some students have opted for as an alternative to Architecture—Geography, Environmental Studies (Social Sciences Interdisciplinary), Math, Psychology and Philosophy, Computer Science, Media Studies, History, and Business. UB has over 90 majors to choose from—these are just some suggestions!

Minor in Architecture

<http://www.ap.buffalo.edu/architecture/degrees/minor.asp>
116 Hayes Hall • (716) 829.3485

The minor in architecture, a non-studio based track, provides students with a liberal exposure to the humanities, technology, social sciences, and aesthetic expression through the lenses of the built and natural environments. A Minor in Architecture would be highly beneficial for students interested in architectural design, history, development, cultural impact, and social implication of Architecture, but are not interested in the studio involvement of the major.

Career Services

<http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/>
259 Capen Hall • (716).645.2231

If it's time for a re-evaluation of your interests and goals or you need assistance with further understanding yourself, exploring options, or gaining guidance in the decision-making process, then UB's Office of Career Services is an excellent resource that provides several key important services to students:

- Career Counseling
- Workshops/Seminars/Career Fairs
- Self-Assessment/Vocational Interest Inventories/**FOCUS**. FOCUS (<http://www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/career/focus.php>) is an Internet based career decision-making tool that allows you to get help selecting a major or career as well as investigate graduate schools.
- Career Library
- Meet a Mentor Program
- UBE 202, a 3-credit course aimed at assisting students with self-assessment, decision-making strategies, examining career choices, and much, much more.

Student Advising Services

109 Norton Hall, Phone: 716-645-6013

Email: sas-advisor@buffalo.edu , Web: <http://sas.buffalo.edu>

Alternatives to Architecture

Enhance Your Opportunities

Regardless of the major you choose, remember that experiences outside of the classroom will help you develop marketable skills to increase your future employability anywhere:

Internships and volunteer work	http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/student.php
Part-time or summer employment	http://www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/career/stufind.php
Assisting a professor with research	http://curca.buffalo.edu/
Participation in student clubs and other organizations	http://www.getinvolved.buffalo.edu/
Computer skills	http://www.itworkshops.buffalo.edu/
Writing skills	http://tlc.buffalo.edu/lcwrite.htm
Public speaking on and off campus	http://ubclub.freetoasthost.ws/
Leadership development & Community involvement	http://www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/leadership/

Resources

A Guide To Choosing A Major	http://advising.buffalo.edu/yourmajor/index.php
Career Services	www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu
College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)	http://casadvising.buffalo.edu/
Cora P. Maloney College	http://cpmc.buffalo.edu/
Counseling Services	http://ub-counseling.buffalo.edu/
School of Engineering & Applied Sciences	www.eng.buffalo.edu
Undergraduate Catalog A to Z	http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/atoz/index.shtml
Undergraduate Advising	http://advising.buffalo.edu

The Occupational Outlook Handbook

This is the quintessential career resource page. This Federal Government website includes statistics, descriptions, and trends for thousands of careers.

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

External Art, Design and Science Resources

Art Careers	http://www.artcareer.net/
Urban Planning Website	http://www.cyberurbia.org
Science Careers	http://recruit.sciencemag.org