

Architectural Studies Fall 2026 courses (3/16/26)

For full information about individual courses see: MyBU Class Search; department websites; and Boston University Bulletin. For information about architectural studies major and program see art history department website, or contact director of architectural studies (Prof. Daniel Abramson, dabr@bu.edu). Acronyms after course titles indicate HUB units. Asterisks(*) indicate registration instructions. Keys at end of document. **Summer 2026** Architectural Studies courses listed separately at the end of document.

REQUIREMENTS

CAS AH 111: Pyramids to Cathedrals: An Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Art *AEX/HCO*
CAS AH 201: Understanding Architecture *AEX/HCO/RIL*
CFA AR 412: Architectural Design 1*** *DME/OSC/CRI*
CFA AR 428: Architecture Site Design 1 [Venice] *DME/OSC/CRI*

ELECTIVES All below can count as free electives. Those in **bold** can also count as **core electives** in **architectural history** and **studio art**; those in *italics* as 400/500-level *seminars in architectural history*. May be used for AS honors: AH527 B1, AH533, AH546, AH548. All courses offered Charles River Campus unless otherwise indicated. Asterisks(*) indicate registration instructions; key at end of document.

Architectural and Art History Electives

CAS AH 220: Islamic Art and Architecture *AEX/GCI/RIL*
CAS AH 327: Arts of China *AEX/GCI/RIL*
CAS AH 367: Material Culture
CAS AH 354: Image and Word in Venetian Renaissance Art [Venice] *AEX/WIN*
CAS AH 385: American Buildings and Landscapes
CAS AH 527 B1: Mt. Auburn Cemetery
CAS AH 533: Greek Architecture *WIN/OSC/RIL*
CAS AH 546: Places of Memory: Historic Preservation Theory and Practice
CAS AH 548: Global Heritage Conservation
CAS AH 554: Boston Architectural and Community History Workshop
CAS AH 582: Historic Houses
CAS AR 150: Archaeology of Cities *HCO/SO1*
CAS AR 210: Minoan and Mycenaean Civilizations *HCO/CRT*
CAS AR 240: Archaeology of Ancient China *AEX/SO1*
CFA AR 580: History of Graphic Design *GCI/HCO/WIN*
CAS AR 369: Indigenous Archaeology
CFA TH 307: History of Period Styles 1 (2 credits) *HCO*
CFA TH 455: History of Period Styles 3 (2 credits)

Studio Art & Design Electives

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CFA AR 121: Foundation Sculpture* *AEX/IIC/CRI*
CFA AR 131: Drawing 1- Majors** *CRI*
CFA AR 141: Foundation Painting**
CFA AR 193: Visual Arts Drawing* *AEX/CRI*
CFA AR 221: Materials and Methods in Sculpture**TWC*
CFA AR 236: Human Anatomy for the Artist**
CFA AR 239: Figure Drawing (AS majors can join waitlist)
CFA AR 243: Photography 1** *AEX/OSC/CRI*
CFA AR 412: Architectural Design 1*** *DME/OSC/CRI*
CFA AR 428: Architecture Site Design 1 [Venice] *DME/OSC/CRI*
CFA AR 501: Drawing Venice [Venice] *GCI/AEX/CRI*
CFA AR 512: Architectural Design 2*** *DME/OSC/CRI*
CFA AR 528: Architecture Site Design 2 [Venice]
CFA AR 571: Exhibition Design (2 credits)*
CFA AR 597: Experience Design (2 credits) (AS majors can join waitlist)
CFA TH 173: 2D Drafting & Visual Communication 1 (2 credits; contact instructor) *QR1*
CFA TH 354: AutoCAD2 (2 credits)
COM CM 501: Design Strategy and Software *AEX/DME/CRI*
COM CM 523: Design and Interactive Experiences
COM CM 529: Design Strategy and Software 2
ENG EK 210: Introduction to Engineering Design *TWC*

ENG ME 357: Introduction to CAD and Machine Component (2 credits; ENG dept. consent)
ENG ME 360: Electromechanical Design

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Related Electives

CAS CI 389: World Cities: Istanbul
CAS EC 371: Environmental Economics *ETR / GCI / TWC*
CAS EE 100: Environmental Change and Sustainability *SO1 / ETR*
CAS EE 201: World Regional Geography *SO1 / HCO / RIL*
CAS EE/IR 304: Environmentally Sustainable Development *SO2 / RIL*
CAS EE 512: Urban Climate *GCI / RIL / SI1*
CAS CI 389: World Cities: Istanbul
CAS HI 190: History of Boston: Community and Conflict *HCO / IIC / TWC*
CAS HI 226: Cities and Cultures
CAS LF 441 Topics in Urban Imaginaries in Literature and Film *AEX / IIC / CRI*
CAS PH 150: Introduction to Ethics *PLM / ETR / CRT*
CAS PH 259: Philosophy of the Arts *PLM / AEX / CRT*
CAS PS 222: Perception and Behavior *SI1 / CRT*
CAS SO 244: Urban Sociology *IIC / SO1 / CRT*
CAS SO 280: Global Urban Studies *CRT / GCI / IIC*
CAS SO 306: Boston's People and Neighborhoods *SO2 / IIC / TWC*
CAS SO 315: Technology and Society *SI1 / WIN*
CAS SO 483: Gentrification Studies
CAS XL 398: World Cities: Tokyo *DME / HCO / RIL*
ENG EK 225: Introduction to Energy Conversion and Environmental Engineering
ENG EK 301: Engineering Mechanics I *CRT / CRI*
KHCRN 102: Sacred Spaces *GCI / AEX / CRT*
KHCRH 105: The Lived City *DME / IIC / CRI*
MET UA 503: Housing and Community Development*****
MET UA 515: History, Theory and Planning Practice*****
MET UA 617: Actionable Sustainability*****
MET UA 619: Urban Transportation Policy and Planning*****

Non-Major Recommended Courses

CAS MA 121: Calculus for the Life and Social Sciences I *QR2 / SO2 / CRT* or CAS MA 123: Calculus 1 *QR2 / CRT*
CAS PY 105: Elementary Physics *SI1 / QR 1 / CRT*
COM CM 211: Professional Presentation *OSC*

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CAS AH 111S: Pyramids to Cathedrals: An Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Art *AEX / HCO*
CAS AH 112S: Introduction to Art in Europe and the U.S. *AEX / HCO*
CAS AH 233S: The Arts of Greece *AEX / HCO*
CAS AH 398S: Global Modern and Contemporary Architecture *HCO / GCI / CRT*
MET UA 613S: Urban Design and Development*****

* Seat blocks reserved for Architectural Studies majors and Visual Arts minors. If blocks are full, join waitlist on MyBU. [? contact Beth Zerega, bzerega@bu.edu]

** Seat blocks reserved for Visual Arts minors. Architectural Studies majors may join waitlist on MyBU, as may VA minors if block is full. [? contact Beth Zerega, bzerega@bu.edu]

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**** To request enrollment in this class, contact Sarah Niles, sdniles@bu.edu

Hub acronyms and requirements (1 unit, unless other noted)

PLM Philosophical Inquiry and Life's Meanings
AEX Aesthetic Exploration
HCO Historical Consciousness
SI1 Scientific Inquiry 1
SO1 Social Inquiry 1
SI2 or SO2 Scientific Inquiry 2 or Social Inquiry 2
QR1 Quantitative Reasoning 1
QR2 Quantitative Reasoning 2
IIC The Individual in the Community
GCI Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy

RIL Research and Information Literacy
TWC Teamwork/Collaboration
CRI Creativity/Innovation

ETR Ethical Reasoning
FYW First-Year Writing Seminar
WRI Writing, Research, Inquiry
WIN Writing-Intensive Course
OSC Oral and/or Signed Communication
DME Digital/Multimedia Expression
CRT Critical Thinking (2 units)