HISTORY AND THEORY OF ARCHITECTURE MINOR

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The minor in History and Theory of Architecture will provide students who have an interest in architectural history the opportunity to develop an understanding and appreciation of architecture as a basic component of human society. Students will gain an insight of diverse architectural cultures as well as apply diverse research methods in order to understand architectural phenomena in a broad context. The History and Theory of Architecture minor is ideal for students in Architecture and Art History. Students in other majors will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Understand diverse historical and global architectural cultures (quizzes, exams).
2. Ability to apply accepted research methods of architectural history (research papers).
3. Ability to analyze and explain architectural phenomena in a broader historical context (research papers).
4. Critically evaluate various theories of architecture in the consideration of particular topics (research papers, participation in discussion).
5. Create and defend a coherent scholarly argument (research papers, final capstone paper).

Application Process

Interested students must complete an application and meet with their undergraduate advisor. See: https://arch.umd.edu/programs/undergraduate-programs/minors/history-and-theory-architecture (https://arch.umd.edu/programs/undergraduate-programs/minors/history-and-theory-architecture/) for the online application.

Admissions Requirements

This Minor is only available to undergraduate students in the Architecture Program and the Art History and Archaeology Program (other majors by petition) who have earned at least 60 credit hours (Junior standing), have successfully completed ARCH225 & ARCH226, History of World Architecture I & II, and have a University of Maryland GPA of 3.0 or higher.

REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Courses		
ARCH225	History of World Architecture I	
ARCH226	History of World Architecture II	
Topical History of Architecture Courses		**9**
ARCH420	History of American Architecture	
ARCH422		
ARCH423	History of Roman Architecture	
ARCH428	Selected Topics in Architectural History (Consult program for eligible courses)	
ARCH433		
ARCH434		
ARCH435	History of Contemporary Architecture	
Architectural History/Theory Seminar [1]		**6**
ARCH427	Theories of Architecture	
ARCH428	Selected Topics in Architectural History (Consult program for eligible seminar courses)	
ARCH481		
ARCH482	The Archaeology of Roman and Byzantine Palestine	
ARCH483	Field Archaeology	
Total Credits		**15**

[1] One course must include a capstone paper.