



**BOSTON  
ARCHITECTURAL  
COLLEGE**

## *Distance Master of Architecture*

<b>Accreditation:</b>	National Architectural Accrediting Board
<b>Program:</b>	First Professional Degree in Architecture – Master of Architecture
<b>Length:</b>	Two and a half years (five semesters of academic study concurrent with professional practice)
<b>Location:</b>	The BAC is located on Newbury Street in Boston's historic Back Bay neighborhood. Students in the program are expected to attend five 8-day intensives in Boston, and complete the rest of their studies through on-line learning and/or regional cohorts.
<b>School Philosophy:</b>	The unique BAC philosophy is based on concurrent academic and practice-based education that takes place in both the classroom and the work place; students learn their profession by being mentored by, and working for, certified and registered architects. All degree students work in the design profession and attend classes through cohorts during brief intensives in Boston (five total) with on-line follow-up. This interplay of education and practice provides graduates with a solid foundation for a career in design, a professional network, and the opportunity to advance within the Intern Development Program (IDP) required for NCARB registration.
<b>Academic Component:</b>	The program includes the following curricular areas: Studio Design, Design Media, History and Theory, Technology and Management, and Arts and Sciences.
<b>Practice Component:</b>	The Practice Component is the daytime "laboratory" portion of the BAC's concurrent design education. Students work in a paid position in a design firm during the day. As a result, College graduates leave the BAC with substantial resumes, including professional experience and a diverse portfolio.
<b>Faculty:</b>	Educators and professional practitioners in architecture, interior design, planning, landscape architecture, and allied professions teach at the BAC.
<b>Students:</b>	Over 1100 degree students are enrolled at the Boston Architectural College. Students come from all over the United States and overseas. Their academic and professional backgrounds are diverse.
<b>Start Date:</b>	Each cohort start is contingent upon enrollment. The next anticipated semester start is Spring 2012 (beginning in January 2012).
<b>Cost:</b>	The cost for the 2011-12 Academic year is \$15,087 per semester, which does not include transportation or housing for in-Boston intensives.
<b>Financial Aid:</b>	New U.S. students may be eligible for federally subsidized or unsubsidized loans.
<b>Admissions:</b>	For more information, prospective students are encouraged to contact the BAC Admissions Office at (617) 585-0123 or <a href="mailto:admissions@the-bac.edu">admissions@the-bac.edu</a>
<b>Technical Requirements:</b>	Minimum internet connection: dial-up. DSL or Cable preferred.

# Curriculum Overview

## PREREQUISITES

Bachelors degree with an architecture (or closely related) concentration  
 General Education. Undergraduate studies must include 45 credits of General Education credits.  
 College Algebra and Trigonometry (3 credits.) Grade of B or better unless exempted by Admissions Committee  
 Physics (3 credits) Grade of B or better unless exempted by Admissions Committee.  
 The following prerequisites are evaluated through analysis of prior course study and review of student’s placement portfolio showing evidence of visual work:

- Design Studio: Between two and three years of studio courses, typically minimum 24 credits
- Freehand Drawing
- Design drawing by hand , including plans, elevations, orthogonal projections, sections, and perspectives
- CAD 2D
- Advanced Studies in Design Media such as hand drawing, (rendering, drawing, photography or other arts) digital arts (rendering, animation, advanced modeling, desktop publishing) or graphic design

History and Theory (total of 12 credits)  
 Architectural History from Ancient to Modern (typically 6 credits)  
 Other Architectural History and Theory Courses to a total of 12 credits

Technology and Management  
 Materials and Methods 1 (3 credits)  
 Architectural Structures (typically 6 – 9 credits)

Practice Component  
 Approximately one year of qualifying design employment totaling 2000 hours (equivalent to 20 BAC Practice Component Credits)  
 Attainment of “Drafter” status (Level 5 in the BAC’s Practice Component)

## COURSES TAKEN DURING PROGRAM

Academic Component	Credits	Semester	Credits	Practice Component	
Core 1 Studio: Concept and Context	3	<b>Semester 1</b>		The Practice Component has a defined structure known as <b>Contract Learning</b> . For every 100 qualifying contact hours, students earn <b>1 Practice Credit</b> . A minimum of 34 Practice Credits, and achievement of Level 8 'Design Drafter' skill level per BAC Contract Learning Sequence requirements, must be earned while enrolled in the Practicing Professionals Distant Master of Architecture Program in order to complete the program.	
Research in Architecture and Human Relations	3				
Fundamentals of Urbanism	1.5				
Core 2 Studio: Comprehensive Project	3	<b>Semester 2</b>			
Architectural Tech: Integrated Bldg Sys	3				
Professional Practice A: Contracts & Law	1.5				
<b>PORTFOLIO REVIEW</b>					
Thesis Prep: Studio	3.0	<b>Semester 3</b>			
Thesis Prep: Research and Writing	1.5				
Professional Practice B: Leadership & Ethics	1.5				
Elective	1.5				
Thesis One	6.0	<b>Semester 4</b>			
Professional Practice C: Business Mgmt	1.5				
Thesis Two	6.0	<b>Semester 5</b>			
	<b>36.0 total</b>		<b>34 PC min.</b>		

**Combined Academic and Practice Credit = 70.0**