



**BOSTON
ARCHITECTURAL
COLLEGE**

Master of Architecture

Accreditation:	National Architectural Accrediting Board
Program:	First Professional Degree in Architecture
Length:	Five years (may be shorter depending on prior academic and work experience)
Location:	Our Back Bay location makes us a center for lectures on architecture, landscape design, interior design, real estate development, and city planning. Our main building at 320 Newbury Street is accessible by public transportation and convenient to those working in and around downtown Boston.
School Philosophy:	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 interior designers and registered architects. All degree students work in the design profession during the day and attend classes at night. This interplay of education and practice provides graduates with a solid preparation for a career in design, a professional network, and the opportunity to meet the Intern Development Program (IDP) requirement for NCARB registration at graduation.
Academic Component:	The program includes the following curricular areas: Studio Design, Design Media, History and Theory, Technology and Management, Arts and Sciences, and Electives. Classes are held in the late afternoon, evening, and occasional weekends.
Practice Component:	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, our graduates usually leave the BAC with substantial resumes, including professional experience and a diverse portfolio, and typically with the ability to sit immediately for the national licensure examination.
Faculty:	Educators and professional practitioners in architecture, interior design, planning, landscape architecture, and allied professions teach at the BAC. Approximately 250 adjunct faculty members serve as instructors and mentors each semester.
Students:	Close to 1000 degree students are enrolled at the college. Students come from all over the United States and overseas. Their academic and professional backgrounds are diverse.
Enrollment:	Students may begin their studies either in the fall or spring semester.
Tuition:	\$9,528 per semester (or \$12,753 per semester for the Academic Only Program) – 2011-12
Financial Aid:	New domestic students may be eligible for federally subsidized or unsubsidized loans.
Visiting:	Information sessions (monthly) and individual interviews. Contact the Office of Admissions for more information (617-585-0123 or admissions@the-bac.edu)

Curriculum Overview

SEGMENT I: FOUNDATION				
Academic Curriculum	Credits	Semester	Credits	Practice Curriculum
Design Foundation A Master's	10	Semester 1		Level 2: Office Person
Design Media 1				
Design Principles				
Year One Seminar				
Design Media 2	9	Semester 2		Level 3: Office Person / Entry Drafter
Design Media 3				
Materials and Methods 1		IDP Eligibility		
Design Studio B-1 Master's	10	Semester 3		Level 4: Entry Drafter
Sketch Problem				
Architecture/Design History A Structures 1				
Design Studio B-2 Master's	10	Semester 4		Level 5: Drafter
Sketch Problem				
Architecture/Design History B Structures 2		Segment 1 Portfolio Review		
	39.0 segment total		13.5 PC min.	
SEGMENT II: INTEGRATION				
Design Studio C-1	10	Semester 5		Level 6: Drafter / Renderer / Model maker
Sketch Problem				
Ideas and Design				
Arch Programming and Codes				
Design Studio C-2				
History/Theory Elective	9	Semester 6		Level 6: Drafter / Renderer / Model maker
Site Design				
Environmental Systems 2				
Design Studio C Elective	9	Semester 7		Level 7: Advanced Drafter
Contemporary Arch History				
Environmental Systems 1				
Design Studio C Elective	9	Semester 8		Level 7: Advanced Drafter
Graduate Research and Writing		Segment II		
Materials and Methods 2		Portfolio Review		
	37.0 segment total		27 PC min.	
SEGMENT III: SYNTHESIS				
Professional Practice	9	Semester 9		Level 8: Design Drafter
Architecture Thesis Studio				
Arch Thesis Seminar and Workshop				
Arch Thesis 1 and Workshop	10	Semester 10		Level 8: Design Drafter
Design Workshop Elective	10	Semester 11		Level 8: Design Drafter
Arch Thesis 2 and Workshop				
Design Media 4				
	29.0 segment total		54 PC min.	
Academic Total	105	Graduation	54	Practice Total