The Architecture major complements, and makes great use of its University setting. With access to superb libraries, research centers, graduate programs, and abundant intellectual resources, our students have the opportunity to follow their creative instincts to great depth and breadth – and they do. The major depends on New York City as more than a convenient site for many design and research projects and frames the City as one of the key social and architectural, and thus didactic, markers of Modernity. Architecture students study with peers from countries around the world in one of the most diverse cities in the world. A large majority of the Architecture students expand their education by interning in Architecture or a related field during their undergraduate studies. Alumni of the Department are leaders in architecture and design fields around the world. The faculty teaching in the undergraduate program are dedicated teachers who are also at the forefront of practice and research and are similarly drawn to New York City as a nexus of global design thinking.

Students interested in obtaining a professional degree in Architecture continue on to graduate programs after their undergraduate degree, and students from the Barnard Columbia program have enjoyed enormous success in their admissions to the most competitive graduate programs in the country. Students who study Architecture as undergraduates have also pursued graduate degrees in a variety of disciplines including Urban Planning, Law, and Media and Communications.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Students in the Architecture Majors who fully engage with the curriculum should be able to complete the following outcomes:

- Apply integrated design thinking to specific problems in and beyond the discipline;
- Visually communicate architectural concepts and research using discipline-specific techniques in multiple media;
- Verbally present independent, group or assigned research, in multiple media formats;
- Organize and concisely write in a variety of formats including reports, case studies, synthetic overviews, etc.;
- Understand and critically interpret major buildings and themes of Architectural history and theory;
- Be intellectually prepared for graduate studies in architecture and related disciplines.

**Advising Appointments**

Current students as well as prospective students with questions about our courses and programs of study are encouraged to meet with our full-time faculty members. Faculty advising appointments are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about our department. During the summer break, all current and prospective students are instead invited to submit their questions by email to architecture@barnard.edu.

**Full-Time Faculty**

**Professors of Professional Practice:**
Karen Fairbanks (Chair)
Kadambani Baxi

**Assistant Professors:**
Anoopradha Iyer Siddiqi
Ignacio G. Galán
Ralph Ghoche
Nick Smith
Adjunct Faculty
Adjunct Professors:
Joeb Moore
Madeline Schwartzman
Suzanne Stephens

Adjunct Assistant Professors:
Daisy Ames
Virginia Black
Diana Cristobal
Lindsay Harkema
Jason Kim
Evangelos Kotsioris
Galen Pardee
Todd Rouhe
Michael Schissel
Fred Tang
Irina Verona

Our Programs of Study
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THE MAJOR IN THE HISTORY AND THEORY OF ARCHITECTURE
THE MINOR IN ARCHITECTURE

The Major in Architecture
The major in architecture is open to Barnard College students, Columbia College students, and General Studies students. The required classes are broken down into four categories: studio, lectures seminars and workshops, senior courses, and the specialization:

Studio Courses
Four studio courses, to be taken one per semester (studio courses have limited enrollment and priority is given to Architecture majors):

ARCH UN2101 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: SYSTEMS AND MATERIALS
ARCH UN2103 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: ENVIRONMENTS AND MEDIATIONS
ARCH UN3201 ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN I
ARCH UN3202 ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN II

Lecture, Seminar, and Workshop Courses
Five courses following the distribution requirement below:

ARCH UN3117 Modern Architecture in the World
Architectural Elective: History
Architectural Elective: Society, Environment, and the Global
Architectural Elective: Design, Media, and Technology

Senior Courses

ARCH UN3901 Senior Seminar

Elective Architecture seminar (another Senior Seminar in the Department, Advanced Architectural Research and Design, or Independent Research)

Specialization Courses
All majors are asked to complement their work with a thematic unit (three courses) called the “specialization.” Each student develops a specific specialization that broadens their architectural studies in one of the following areas or combination of areas: History, Society, Environment, Global, Design, Media, and Technology. Courses may be taken from across various departments. All majors, in consultation with their advisers, will develop a short (100 word) description of their specialization and advisers will approve their course selections. Students can request and develop other areas of specialization with adviser approval.

Graduation Requirements
The major also requires that students submit a portfolio and a writing sample before graduation. The design portfolio includes representative work from all design studios and the writing sample is a paper or essay from a senior level architecture or architecture-related course. Final submissions are archived in the department, the portfolios are displayed at the end of the year show, and both are used to award graduation honors.

* These are courses offered by the architecture department or other applicable departments offered within the University. Students should consult the program office for a list of applicable courses each semester.

The Major in the History and Theory of Architecture
The History and Theory of Architecture major stresses research and writing in Architectural History. This program of study is only open to Barnard College students; Columbia College and General Studies students that are interested in majoring in architectural history should contact the Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University. The History and Theory of Architecture major requires a total of 14 courses, distributed as follows:

Studio Courses
1-2 studio courses, to be taken one per semester:

ARCH UN1020 Introduction To Architectural Design and Visual Culture
ARCH UN2101 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: SYSTEMS AND MATERIALS
ARCH UN2103 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: ENVIRONMENTS AND MEDIATIONS

Lecture, Seminar, and Workshop Courses
7-8 lecture, seminar, and workshop courses:

ARCH UN3117 Modern Architecture in the World
Architectural Elective: History
Architectural Elective: Society, Environment, and the Global
Architectural Elective: Design, Media, and Technology

Elective: any lecture, seminar, or workshop offered by the Architecture Department or an approved course from a related department

Specialization
3 courses for the specialization:
Each student develops a specialization that broadens the reach of their architectural studies and supports their thesis. All majors, in consultation with their advisers, will develop a short (100 word) description of their specialization and advisers will approve their course selections.

Senior Courses
2 courses for the senior course requirement:
ARCH UN3901 Senior Seminar
ARCH V3998 Independent Study

All senior History and Theory of Architecture majors are required to enroll in one semester of Senior Seminar and to write a thesis which can be done through enrolling in Independent Study (ARCH UN3997 or ARCH UN3998). Please consult with your major adviser for planning your thesis.

The Minor in Architecture
The minor in architecture is only open to Barnard College students and SEAS students at Columbia University. The minor in architecture requires a total of five courses, distributed as follows:

Studio Courses
1-3 of the following courses:
ARCH UN1020 Introduction To Architectural Design and Visual Culture

Three history/theory courses
ARCH UN2101 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: SYSTEMS AND MATERIALS
ARCH UN2103 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: ENVIRONMENTS AND MEDIATIONS

Lecture, Seminar, and Workshop Courses
ARCH UN3117 is required along with 1-3 Architectural Electives - any lecture, seminar, or workshop offered by the Architecture Department or an approved course from a related department.
ARCH UN3117 Modern Architecture in the World

Academic Year 2021-2022 Courses
Most architecture courses have a restriction on online enrollment (meaning that you will automatically appear on the wait list when you try to register online) and require an application in order to be admitted. Links to our 2021-2022 applications are available on our website. For a complete list of courses across the university that have been approved to fulfill various architecture major and minor requirements, please refer to our program planning list. You are welcome contact us with any questions you may have: architecture@barnard.edu.

ARCH UN1010 Design Futures: New York City. 3 points.
How does design operate in our lives? What is our design culture? In this course, we explore the many scales of design in contemporary culture — from graphic design to architecture to urban design to global, interactive, and digital design. The format of this course moves between lectures, discussions, collaborative design work and field trips in order to engage in the topic through texts and experiences.

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ARCH UN1020 Introduction To Architectural Design and Visual Culture. 3 points.
Introductory design studio to introduce students to architectural design through readings and studio design projects. Intended to develop analytic skills to critique existing media and spaces. Process of analysis used as a generative tool for the students’ own design work. Must apply for placement in course. Priority to upperclass students. Class capped at 16.

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Fall 2021 Courses
ARCH UN2101 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: SYSTEMS AND MATERIALS. 4 points.
This architectural design studio explores material assemblies, techniques of fabrication, and systems of organization. These explorations will be understood as catalysts for architectural analysis and design experimentation.

Both designed objects and the very act of making are always embedded within a culture, as they reflect changing material preferences, diverse approaches to durability and obsolescence, varied understandings of comfort, different concerns with economy and ecology. They depend on multiple resources and mobilize varied technological innovations. Consequently, we will consider that making always involves making a society, for it constitutes a response to its values and a position regarding its technical and material resources. Within this understanding, this studio will consider different cultures of making through a number of exercises rehearse design operations at different scales—from objects to infrastructures.

ARCH UN2103 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: ENVIRONMENTS AND MEDIATIONS. 4 points.
This architectural design studio course explores modes of visualization, technologies of mediation and environmental transformations. These explorations will be used as catalysts for architectural analysis and design experimentation.

Introducing design methodologies that allow us to see and to shape environmental interactions in new ways, the studio will focus on how architecture may operate as a mediator—an intermediary that negotiates, alters or redirects multiple forces in our world: physical, cultural, social, technological, political etc. The semester will progress through three projects that examine unique atmospheric, spatial and cultural, social, technological, political etc. The semester will progress.

ARCH UN3201 ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN I. 4 points.
Prerequisites: ARCH V3101 and ARCH V3103. Open to architecture majors or with permission of instructor.
Prerequisites: ARCH UN2101 and ARCH UN2103. Advanced Architectural Design I explores the role of architecture and design in relationship to climate, community, and the environment through a series of design projects requiring drawings and models. Field trips, lectures, and discussions are organized in relation to studio exercises. A portfolio of design work from the prerequisite courses ARCH UN2101 and ARCH UN2103 will be reviewed the first week of classes.

ARCH UN3211 ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH AND DESIGN. 4 points.
Prerequisites: A design portfolio and application is required for this course. The class list will be announced before classes start. Application required: A design portfolio and application is required for this course. The class list will be announced before classes start. Advanced Architectural Research and Design is an opportunity for students to consider international locations and address contemporary global concerns, incorporating critical questions, research methods, and design strategies that are characteristic of an architect’s operations at this scale.
ARCH UN3502 URBANIZING CHINA. 4 points.
This course investigates the dramatic urban transformation that has taken place in mainland China over the last four decades. The speed and scale of this transformation have produced emergent new lifeways, settlement patterns, and land uses that increasingly blur the distinction between urban and rural areas. At the same time, Chinese society is still characterized by rigid, administrative divisions between the nation's urban and rural sectors, with profound consequences for people's lives and livelihoods. The course therefore examines the intersection between the rapid transformation of China's built environment and the glacial transformation of its administrative categories. We will take an interdisciplinary approach to this investigation, using perspectives from architecture, history, geography, political science, anthropology, urban planning, and cultural studies, among other disciplines.

The course is divided into two parts: Over the first five weeks, we will consider the historical context of China's urbanization and its urban-rural relations, including the imperial, colonial, and socialist periods, as well as the current period of reform. In the remainder of the semester, we will turn our focus to contemporary processes of urbanization, with a particular emphasis on the complex interrelationship between urban and rural China. This portion of the semester is organized into three two-week units on land and planning, housing and demolition, and citizenship and personhood.

Fall 2021: ARCH UN3502
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
ARCH 3502  002/00621  M W 2:40pm - 3:55pm 530 Altschul Hall  Nick Smith  4  27/30

ARCH UN3997 Independent Study. 2-4 points.
Prerequisites: Permission of the program director in term prior to that of independent study. Independent study form available at departmental office.

Spring 2021: ARCH UN3997
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
ARCH 3997  001/00581  2-4  0/3
ARCH 3997  002/00582  2-4  0/3
ARCH 3997  003/00583  2-4  2/3
ARCH 3997  004/00584  2-4  1/3
ARCH 3997  005/00752  2-4  1/1

ARCH UN3901 Senior Seminar. 4 points.
Readings, individual class presentations, and written reports.

Spring 2021: ARCH UN3901
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
ARCH 3901  001/00579  W 4:10pm - 6:00pm 113 Milstein Center  Ignacio Gonzalez Galan  4  12/16
ARCH 3901  002/00580  Th 10:10am - 12:00pm Room TBA  Anooradha Siddiqi  4  3/16

Fall 2021: ARCH UN3901
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
ARCH 3901  001/00622  Th 12:10pm - 2:00pm 1000 Milstein Center  Suzanne Stephens  4  16/16
ARCH GU4140 MEDITERRANEAN CONFRONTATIONS: ARCHITECTURE, COLONIALISM, # NATIONAL IDENTITY IN NORTH AFRICA. 4.00 points.

This seminar examines architecture and urban planning in North Africa from Napoleon's invasion of Egypt in 1798, through the French conquest of Algeria in 1830, the establishment of French protectorates in Tunisia (1881) and Morocco (1912), and the Italian colonization of Libya (1911), to the period of decolonization and post-independence, concluding with present-day struggles over national identity and governance. This course will be paired with seminar taught by Mary McLeod at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at Columbia University. A central concern of the course will be the role of modernization in both colonial and postcolonial societies—a process, while integrally connected to European power, dominance, and violence, is often complex and ambiguous. In fact, modernization sometimes precedes European control as was the case in nineteenth-century Egypt, and, in other instance post-independence, it becomes a means to establish national identity and separation from European powers, as in the case of Egypt under Nasser or Algeria under Ben Bella or Boumedienne (note, for example, the public commissions of the Brazilian modern architect Oscar Niemeyer in Algiers and Constantine, in which a modern architecture is seen as a distinct break with the Arabesque/ Neo-Mauresque forms of French colonialism). Nor should European influences in North Africa, however dominant and pervasive, be seen as only related to its political and economic control; multi-ethnic populations, trade and commerce, different places of architectural training, and cross-national infrastructures, such as railroad routes, all contributed and continue to contribute to making exchanges between European and Muslim culture diverse and multi-directional, if uneven in their power and influence. Among the many issues the course plans to address, as it considers connections between architecture and its political and social context, are: modernization under the Ottoman empire, differences among English, French, and Italian colonialism, the role of the Catholic church in the destruction of Muslim religious structures and urban transformation, stylistic hybridity, association versus assimilation, Lyautey's vision of cultural difference and urban segregation, colonial cities as "laboratories" of modernization, Mediterraneanism and visions of integration, debates about historic and urban preservation, modernism as form of national identity, and contemporary efforts to reclaim vernacular traditions

ARCH GU4150 ARCHITECTURE AND MIGRATION IN NEW YORK. 4.00 points.

This course explores the role that migrant communities have historically played in the construction of New York as well as the spatial negotiations, frictions, and conflicts derived from their settlement in the city. Architecture and urban strategies have historically participated in the definition of frameworks of belonging for migrant communities. However, they have also been used as tools for the exclusion of minority communities, as an alibi in xenophobic arguments, and as mediators of assimilationist policies. We will discuss the manifold relations of architecture and migration. Migrant individuals and communities are responsible for the design, transformation, and resignification of different structures and enclaves. We will regard both the spatial, material, and aesthetic properties of these transformations as well as the social and cultural struggles, exchanges, and dislocations that they mediate. We will also discuss the inextricable connection between New York City and migration. The city historically served as the major port of entry for migrants into the US and continues to be a major attractor for transient populations. We will regard New York simultaneously as a city characterized by its ethnic diversity, and one in which immigrants continue to struggle to secure housing, assert their presence in public space, guarantee their access to resources, and defend their rights

Spring 2022 Courses

The course schedule listed below may be subject to change. Please revisit this page and the online Directory of Classes in November 2021 to confirm our spring 2022 course information. You are also welcome contact us with any questions you may have: architecture@barnard.edu.

ARCH UN1010 Design Futures: New York City. 3 points.

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ARCH UN2101 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: SYSTEMS AND MATERIALS. 4 points.

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ARCH UN2103 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: ENVIRONMENTS AND MEDIATIONS. 4 points.

This architectural design studio course explores modes of visualization, technologies of mediation and environmental transformations. These explorations will be used as catalysts for architectural analysis and design experimentation.

Introducing design methodologies that allow us to see and to shape environmental interactions in new ways, the studio will focus on how architecture may operate as a mediator—an intermediary that negotiates, alters or redirects multiple forces in our world: physical, cultural, social, technological, political etc. The semester will progress through three projects that examine unique atmospheric, spatial and urban conditions with the aid of multimedia visual techniques; and that employ design to develop creative interventions at the scales of an interface, space and city.
ARCH UN3117 Modern Architecture in the World. 3 points.
Prerequisites: Designed for but not limited to sophomores; enrollment beyond 60 at the discretion of the instructor.
How has architecture been “modern”? This course will introduce students to things, practices, figures, and ideas behind this contentious and contradictory concept, emerging in multiple locations around the world. Students in this course will learn about architecture as it was practiced, taught, thought, and experienced across landscapes of social and cultural difference during the past two centuries. Learning about the past through historical consciousness around architecture and investigating the history of architecture as a discursive field are fundamental to liberal arts thinking generally, and important for students in architecture, the history and theory of architecture, art history, and urban studies. Students in this course will be introduced to:

Architecture as enmeshed with other forms of cultural production
Culturally-specific intellectual and public debates around the architectural and urban
Makers, thinkers, and organizers of the designed or built environment
Geographies, territories, and mobilities associated with architecture as an end or means for material extraction, refinement, trade, labor, and construction
Sites, institutions, media, events, and practices which have come to hold meaning
Modernity, modernism, and modernization in relation to each other, as social, cultural, and technological drivers holding stakes for past events as well their histories.

In this course, we will ask questions about ideas and practices within disparate socially-and culturally-constructed worlds, and across other asymmetries. For example, can we draw a coherent historical thread through Lisbon in 1755, Bombay in 1854, Moscow in 1917, the moon in 1969, and al-Za’atari refugee camp in 2016? Are such narratives of coherence themselves the trace of the modernist impulse in architectural history? In this course, we will study modern architecture's references to an art of building as well the metaphors it gives rise to. Embedded in this examination are social and cultural questions of who made and thought modern architecture, and aesthetic and historical questions around the figure of the architect.

ARCH UN3202 ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN II. 4.50 points.
Prerequisites: ARCH V3201. Open to architecture majors or with permission of instructor.
Prerequisite: ARCH UN3201. Advanced Architectural Design II culminates the required studio sequence in the major. Students are encouraged to consider it as a synthetic studio where they advance concepts, research methodologies and representational skills learned in all previous studios towards a semester-long design project. Field trips, lectures, and discussions are organized in relation to studio exercises.

ARCH UN3400 ENVIRONMENTAL VISUALIZATIONS OF NYC. 4 points.
Prerequisites: (ARCH UN1020) or (ARCH UN3101) or (ARCH UN3103) or Students must have taken at least one architectural design studio or an equivalent multimedia production course.
The goal of this seminar + workshop course is to develop new visual representations of impact of environmental issues on New York City. We will focus on two catastrophic events and sites: Greenpoint Oil Spill (1978), Newtown Creek; and Hurricane Sandy (2012), Lower Manhattan; and examine related toxic histories, environmental damage, impacted communities, clean-up and protection efforts and planning and design possibilities. Resourcing historical maps, on-site documentation and future design proposals, the class will explore environmental crises and their impact on the built environment and on the social, cultural and political life of the city. Students will conduct research at The Map Division of the New York Public Library, meet with environmental and design experts, and visit sites in Brooklyn and Manhattan. Based on this research, students will use digital mapping techniques, 360 video, VR (virtual reality) and AR (augmented reality) technologies to create compelling experiential, spatial, analytical, critical, and reflective reconstructions of catastrophic events and remediation. Course readings further examine environmental issues and climate change from four unique perspectives: mapping and urban/ecological histories; design research reports; global and planetary views; and graphic, audio-visual imaginaries.

ARCH UN3901 Senior Seminar. 4 points.
Readings, individual class presentations, and written reports.
ARCH GU4300 Key Debates in Urban Planning and Policy. 4.00 points.
This advanced seminar explores key debates in contemporary urban planning and policy. Most fundamentally, these debates are about how we make collective decisions regarding shared problems, which arise from our co-inhabitation of urban space. Resolving these debates is not always an either-or proposition—there are multiple shades of gray and multiple potential resolutions. Nor are there necessarily right or wrong answers. The positions one takes in these debates are fundamentally normative—they are shaped by one’s place in the world and one’s view of it. Nevertheless, these debates require decisions. In urban planning and policy, we are called upon to act, not just debate. In this course, we will endeavor to develop informed positions that can help us engage with others to take action. These debates are not new, nor are they unique to any one place. But their specific articulation varies as a function of historical and geographical context. In this course, we will explore both levels of these debates: we will first discuss them as they have been understood in history and theory, and we will then discuss them with reference to cases drawn from different parts of the world. Specific cases will be selected collectively by the class at the beginning of the semester, and students will develop and present the case study materials in consultation with the instructor. Students are therefore actively involved in the design of the course and are encouraged to bring their own interests and agendas to the table. (Case studies might address, for instance, policing, school busing, mixed income housing, participatory budgeting, universal basic income, etc.) This year, the course is being offered in an immersive, online format with an introduction and five one-week modules. Each module will address one debate: preservation versus progress, democracy versus authority, diversity versus identity, plan versus market, and reform versus revolution. In the first meeting of each week, we will explore the debate’s general contours; in the second meeting, we will investigate its articulation in a specific case study; and in the third meeting, we will hold an in-class debate.