The Department of Architecture is rich in diversity and creativity. With an experienced faculty, students are exposed to many different approaches to architecture and design.

Local architects, designers and former students work as guest lecturers and critics to support the program and students; they assist in introducing students to issues and trends in contemporary architecture and design. Instruction encompasses the areas of design theory, visual studies, technology, and professional practice.

We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.
~ Winston Churchill

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THE PROGRAM

The Architecture program at Ventura College is committed to providing students a broad body of knowledge and design excellence. Students are enriched and broadened by close interaction among the departments of architecture, construction technology, and manufacturing. Students draw upon knowledge and experience gained from the past while adapting to the changing needs of the modern world. Students go on to become individuals who have assumed leadership roles in shaping the built environment.

TECHNOLOGY

Cad software programs such as AutoCAD, Inventor, SolidWorks, Revit and Photoshop are taught in the program providing students the skills necessary for employment or university transfer.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

- Introduction to Architectural Design
- Introduction to AutoCAD
- Architectural Graphics
- Digital Tools for Architecture
- Architectural Practice
- Architectural Design
- Simplified Engineering for Building Construction
- Building Construction: Materials and Methods

*See the Ventura College catalog for the most current required courses

POTENTIAL JOB MARKET

Students who study architecture in college may go on to become licensed architects, or they can apply their training to a related profession. Ventura College Architecture Program prepares students for challenging careers such as:

- architects
- drafters
- designers
- engineering assistants
- architectural assistants
- furniture designer
- industrial designer
- civil engineer
- 3-D modelers
- estimators
- illustrators
- construction managers
- building inspector
- real estate appraiser
- urban planner