Preparing for a career in Architecture

Colgate University
Architecture schools consider a strong liberal arts background to be advantageous for professional development.

Colgate has an architectural studies emphasis within the university’s Department of Art and Art History. A pre-architecture adviser works closely with interested students.

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- Drawing (I + II)
- Age of Cathedrals
- American Campus Architecture

Through a liberal arts education, students have the opportunity to take courses in physics, mathematics, environmental studies, urban geography, urban sociology, and theater design.

Colgate offers a semester abroad on an accredited art history or pre-architecture program. Students experience foreign architecture firsthand, and take upper-level architectural design courses. Many students will also participate in summer immersion programs for architecture or pursue internships in the field.
As a rising junior, Thomas Sisk ’15 (pictured left in a Colgate architectural design course) has already completed two architecture-related internships. Sisk learned how developers and architects work together on major projects at a Colorado construction company, and at a Denver architecture firm he worked to help draft, create models, and design floor plans for real client building proposals.

“Having a liberal arts background has helped me immensely with both my architecture studies and internships. Understanding architecture requires a background in a multitude of subjects, from design studio classes to environmental studies,” said Sisk.
In recent years, alumni have attended Yale University, University of Virginia, and University of Pennsylvania.

LEA CIAVARRA ’91

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Current position: co-founder, Lubrano Ciavarra Architects, PLLC

Lea Ciavarra, co-founder of a New York City architectural firm, works on award-winning residential, commercial, and public projects throughout the world. She attributes her passion for architecture to her semester abroad with the Colgate Venice Study Group:

“I had always been interested in architecture, but that semester was when it really crystallized for me.”

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