

Architecture and Design

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The Architecture and Design Department offers a five-year professional Bachelor of Architecture degree, a Bachelor of Science degree in architectural technology, and an Associate in Applied Science degree in architectural technology. These degrees are designed to serve various needs within the profession of architecture. The Associate of Applied Science degree in interior design provides graduates with fundamental knowledge and skills for entry-level positions in interior design. The department emphasizes creating good design for social good. This mission is supported by the faculty and the students.

The primary focus of our faculty is teaching - personal instruction that makes meaningful life-long connection with students - and has a powerful professional impact. Instructors bring a diverse blend of advanced architectural education, theoretical inquiry, practical experience, and professional credentials into the studio, making them uniquely qualified to mentor students in design, thinking, development, and production.

All aspects of construction technology and sustainable building practices are integrated into the program design studio sequence through the use of Building Information Modeling software situated within the digital fabrication continuum. This allows students to create inspiring designs that are technically sound and grounded in the realities of professional practice, better preparing them for the demands of the workplace.

Recognizing that an architectural education at Alfred State is a powerful platform upon which to build a career, our students seek opportunities to learn through local and global civic engagement projects in each and every design studio, which is the cornerstone of the Alfred State experience. Students explore their social responsibility as emerging professionals – to make the world a better place through design and professional conduct – in real-world laboratories that stretch from rural communities in New York's Southern Tier, to the department's signature study abroad program in Sorrento, Italy, and all points in between.

MISSION

A career-focused, project-based education integrating theory and practice with a strong multidisciplinary foundation that draws upon an institutional heritage of building and technology. Emphasizing core values of leadership, professional preparedness, and work ethic, experienced faculty offer personal instruction and guidance to students as they collaborate with real people to explore real challenges across the region and beyond.

FEATURES & FACILITIES

Most rooms and all design studios are accessible to students 24 hours a day by swipe card for student convenience. Each design studio is laptop ready (either hard-wired or with access to the campus wireless network), and has work stations equipped with a desk lamp, rolling storage cart and a cutting surface. Studios also have networked HP LaserJet printers, desktop scanners, white marker boards, floor-to-ceiling, wall-mounted fabric pin-up/display panels, flat file storage, and ceiling-mounted Sharp digital projectors. Students also have access to the department's laser cutter room and architecture library in addition to the plotter room; digital fabrication lab; soils, concrete, and material testing lab; and energy systems and HVAC&R labs, which are maintained by other departments in the school.

Please note: All entering students in both the architecture and interior design programs are required to purchase a laptop computer. The laptop enables students to have access to program-specific software via the wireless network on campus.

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