

ARCHITECTURE (BS)

School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

Limited Enrollment Program

Several majors at the University of Maryland, known as Limited Enrollment Programs, have limited space and, therefore, have more competitive admission criteria beyond the university's general admission requirements. Students interested in an LEP major must successfully complete a specific set of courses, or "Gateway" requirements, before being reviewed for admission to the major. Review both pages of this sheet to learn about the Gateway requirements and further information.

Information on this document is subject to change. Visit lep.umd.edu for the most up-to-date information.

The guidelines below apply to all students who enroll as new freshman at the University of Maryland or any other institution, and for students who enroll at any [University System of Maryland](#) or [Maryland community college](#) as freshmen in Fall 2027 and after.

For details about the **Bachelor of Science in Architecture** visit the architecture program [website](#).

Considered in the admission decision will be overall academic record, academic record in architecture and architecture-related courses, written reflection on relevant experience and/or personal creative projects, honors and awards. A portfolio is required.

Gateway Requirements

Gateway Course	Required Grade	UMD Course Number	Transfer Course Number (if not completed at UMD)	Grade Received
Design Media and Representation I	B-	ARCH200		
Elementary Calculus I	C-	MATH120		
Fundamentals of Physics I	C-	PHYS121		

GPA, Minimum Credit and Portfolio Requirement

A minimum grade point average of **3.0** in all courses taken at the University of Maryland and all other institutions is required for internal and external transfer students. Successful completion of the gateway course grades, portfolio and GPA requirements does not guarantee admission to the **Architecture (BS)** as there are a limited number of seats in the major. The portfolio consists of work completed in ARCH200 as well as additional creative work, an essay, and a comprehensive evaluation of a students' academic performance.

LEP Policies

The following guidelines pertain to the **Architecture (BS)** LEP:

- Only one gateway or performance review course may be repeated to earn the required grade and that course may only be repeated once. Please note that a grade of "W" is considered an attempt and must be repeated.
- Students may apply once to the **Architecture (BS)** LEP degree program.
- Students who were directly admitted, and fail to meet the performance review criteria will be dismissed from the major and may not reapply.
- Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 after admission to an LEP. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the major.
- Any student denied admission or dismissed from the major may appeal in writing to the program.
- Students will take gateway courses enrolled as Letters and Sciences (LTSC) majors, before admission to the **Architecture (BS)** LEP.

Applying to the Major

Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Architecture is competitive. Considered in the admission decision will be overall academic record, academic record in architecture and architecture-related courses, written reflection on relevant experience and/or personal creative projects, honors and awards. A portfolio is required.

External Transfer Students:

Students applying to the University of Maryland from other institutions apply to the LEP through the general application to the University by indicating their major of interest. Students are first reviewed for admission to the University, and then, if admitted, are reviewed for admission to Limited Enrollment Program (LEP) majors based on LEP standards. Successful completion of the gateway course grades, portfolio and GPA requirements does not guarantee admission to the **Architecture (BS)** as there are a limited number of seats in the major. The portfolio consists of work completed in ARCH200 as well as additional creative work, an essay, and a comprehensive evaluation of a students' academic performance.

Current UMD Students (Internal Transfer Students):

Students in any major at the University of Maryland may apply to transfer into the **Architecture (BS)** LEP after successfully completing the gateway courses and a portfolio. Students applying to the LEP can submit an application through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and will undergo a selective review process. Successful completion of the gateway course grades, portfolio and GPA requirements does not guarantee admission to the **Architecture (BS)** as there are a limited number of seats in the major. The portfolio consists of work completed in ARCH200 as well as additional creative work, an essay, and a comprehensive evaluation of a students' academic performance.

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