

The Associate of Science in Architecture degree (A.S. in Architecture) at West Valley College is primarily transfer oriented. It prepares students to enter 4- and 5-year Architecture programs at the university level. The degree exceeds 60 units as it is preparing students for the five-year professional degree in Architecture. The Architecture courses at West Valley cover the following areas of study: building design, graphics, history, practical/technical communication, codes, construction, and structural design. An increasing number of West Valley College courses leverage computer technology as an educational tool. Students, upon successful completion of this degree, are prepared to transfer to a 4 or 5 years program in Architecture or Architectural Engineering. Career options after completion of a baccalaureate degree include: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Historic Preservation Architecture, Interior Design, Construction Management, Facilities Management, Specification Writing, Structural Engineering, and Architectural Graphics.

Upon successful completion of this program a student will be able to:

- Select construction materials based upon their properties and methods of installation.
- Demonstrate creativity and problem-solving abilities in designing residential and commercial buildings.
- Apply principles