What to do with a degree in...

ARCHITECTURE

A degree in Engineering, Architecture or Technology provides the knowledge and tools for problem solving. Architects solve problems day-to-day with creative solutions in the built environment. Without a doubt, this challenging profession is one that is ultimately rewarding. Work in this field ranges from digital and hand design to actual construction and project management. Client interaction and site visits are also a large part of Architecture, making it a very social and exciting career.

SKILLS
In the Architecture degree program, students will work closely together with faculty, understanding formation of a design concept through digital and hand drafting, graphic sketching, technical inking and hand rendering, digital modeling, and computer rendering.

Graduates obtain a special ability to collaborate on interdisciplinary design teams in a studio-based education accompanied by supporting core areas of emphasis in technology, architectural history and theory, and architectural management.

CAREER PATHS

- ARCHITECT - PRINCIPAL
- ARCHITECTURAL JOURNALIST
- ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
- BUILDING CONTRACTOR
- BUILDING INSPECTOR
- BUILDING RESEARCHER
- CORPORATE ARCHITECT
- CITY MANAGER
- CREATIVE DIRECTOR
- DRAFTSPERSON
- ILLUMINATING ENGINEER
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
- MARINE ARCHITECT
- REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS
- SPECIFICATION WRITER
- SURVEYOR
- TECHNICAL ILLUSTRATOR
- UNIVERSITY ARCHITECT
- URBAN PLANNER

WHO HIRES ARCHITECTURE MAJORS

- Architecture
- Beck
- Callison LLC
- Corgan
- Dewberry
- Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates
- GH2 Architects
- Guernsey

- HKS
- KSQ Architects
- LWPB Architecture
- Pickard Chilton
- Selser Schaefer
- SGA Design Group
- SHW Group
- Sterling Group of Companies
STARTING AVERAGE SALARIES
(Data Gathered from OSU CEAT Graduates)

2017 - $49,860
2018 - $48,700
2019 - $48,250

TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN ARCHITECTURE

– Time management: Keep a calendar; learn when/where you study best; do not procrastinate. Architecture is about meeting deadlines.
– Practice your visual communication skills more often than you think you need. Try water color, acrylic, pastels, colored pencils, pen and pencil techniques. Hand rendering skills are timeless.
– Remember that digital design softwares are tools, they should not dictate your design solutions.
– Know your professors. They want to see you putting in an effort. Ask them questions and make sure you understand their answers.
– Join the American Institute of Architecture Students which meets after studio on scheduled Wednesdays. AIAS runs most of the events in the architecture school including: fundraisers, gatherings and lectures.

GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS
American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)
Architecture Students Teaching Elementary Kids (ASTEK)
Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)
Tau Sigma Delta

Additional Resources About Architecture Careers:
aias.ceat.okstate.edu
archcareers.org
arch-ceat.okstate.edu
csi.ceat.okstate.edu

MARKETABLE SKILLS OF ARCHITECTURE GRADUATES

– Architectural building analysis
– Understanding of building systems, materials, sustainable issues, architectural styles and industry sectors
– Knowledge of design processes including: Concept generation, site planning and building programming
– Technical knowledge of: Construction documentation, building and legal coding systems and project management