Architectural Studies

About the major
The architectural studies program has been designed to offer students enough of an exposure to the field that they can determine whether they wish to pursue it professionally. It also helps them develop the skills and credentials necessary for admission to graduate study in architecture. For those who decide this is not something they wish to build upon after Middlebury, it still provides a fine way to acquire a liberal arts education in a synthetic manner. It combines study in the history of art and architecture (important for developing critical awareness and skills) with art studio work, calculus, physics, and elective work in a range of fields: environmental studies, geography, economics, sociology, and theater design.

Reasons you might choose this major
• You are fascinated with architecture, design, and technology.
• You are interested in bringing the liberal arts together in a creative and multidisciplinary way that can be brought to bear upon problem solving.
• You want a solid foundation in design, broadly defined, that sets you up for a variety of career paths, both within and outside the creative economy.
• You want to test your interest in a career in architecture or design and pursue it, postgraduation, at a professional school in the U.S. or abroad and, eventually, professionally.

“In the fast-changing technology industry, the liberal arts approach to learning, communicating, and problem-solving is a huge advantage.”

—Eliza Margolin ’16
Channel Marketing Specialist at Formlabs
Where architectural studies majors go

Applying your learning through internships . . .

Students pursue internships and research in a variety of fields, enabling them to apply their liberal arts learning in real-world settings. Internships, research, and self-directed projects enrich your academic experience and help prepare you for life after Middlebury. Students of foreign languages, literatures, and cultures have interned or done research at:

- Whitney Museum of American Art
- J. Paul Getty Center
- Middlebury College Museum of Art
- National Public Radio
- Eric Cohler Design
- Salt Branding
- Western Environmental Law Center
- Harvard Graduate School of Design
- Career Discovery Program
- Phaidon Press
- Edgewater Gallery
- Truckee Donner Land Trust
- Student Conservation Association
- Horton Architecture
- Bloomsbury Publishing
- The National September 11 Memorial

. . . leading to meaningful, dynamic, and engaging career paths.

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**Translating Learning into Professional Competencies**

Throughout your time at Middlebury, you will develop and enhance the following core professional competencies, skills, and dispositions highly valued by employers that will prepare you for leadership and success in any given field:

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