



OVERVIEW

People need places in which to live, work, play, learn, worship, meet, govern, shop and eat. Architects are responsible for designing these places, whether they are private or public; indoors or out; rooms, buildings, or complexes. Architects are licensed professionals trained in the art and science of building design who develop the concepts for structures and turn those concepts into images and plans.

Architects create the overall look of buildings and other structures, but the design of a building involves far more than its appearance. Buildings also must be functional, safe, and economical and must suit the needs of the people who use them. Architects consider all of these factors when they design buildings and other structures.

From the Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos038.htm>

Concentrations: none; Graduate Degree: M. Arch

Department website: <http://www.architecture.neu.edu/>

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Architect	Industrial Designer
Architectural Engineer	Industrial Engineer
Architectural historian	Interior Designer/ Decorator
Architectural Writer/ Journalist	Landscape Architect
Art Director	Marine Architect
Building Contractor	Mechanical Engineer
Building Designer	Preservationist
Building Inspector	Production Designer
Cartographer	Project Manager
Civil Engineer	Real Estate Appraiser
Draftsperson	Set Designer
Environmental Engineer	Surveyor
Facility Manager	Teacher/Professor*
Fashion Designer	Urban/ Regional Planner
Illustrator	

Positions that require additional education or training are indicated by a ().*

Job qualifications are based not only on degree program, but on skills and experience. Students should seek out as many experiential opportunities in their fields of interest as possible, including Co-op and internships.

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

Architecture Firms
Corporations
Engineering Firms
Federal, Local and State Government
Individual Homeowners
Preservation and Restoration Firms
Real Estate Developers
Universities and Colleges

Construction Companies
Design Firms
Facilities Management Companies
Historic Preservation Society
Manufacturers
Research Institutions
Transportation Companies

INTERNSHIPS

As part of the process of becoming a licensed architect students follow:

The Intern Development Program (IDP) that structures the multiyear transition from architecture student to licensed professional.

Typically internships in this field require students to be in the third year of undergraduate study or a master's student. Students may however find internships in related fields.

CO-OPS

For more information, please visit the department's website.

Students enrolled in the *College of Professional Studies* may click [here](#) for co-op and internship information.

CAREER EXPLORATION & JOB POSTINGS

The following resources include various websites and campus resources that will aid you in exploring this career field and industry.

CAREER & JOB WEBSITES

[MassCIS – Massachusetts Information System](#)

[Bureau of Labor Statistics – Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

[Vocational Biographies](#) (username: NE Univ; password: RAZDE)

[O*NET OnLine](#)

[Careers in Architecture](#)

[Architect Jobs](#)

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

[Northeastern University Chapter for the American](#)

[Institute of Architects](#)

[Creative Expressions LLC](#)

[The Art Collaborative](#)

[Freedom by Design](#)

[Habitat for Humanity](#)

[NU Mural Club](#)

**For additional student organizations click [here](#).*

**For additional student activities click [here](#).*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Find valuable industry information, job sites, and professionals in the field you may contact for informational interview requests and networking opportunities.

[The American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#)

[The American Institute of Architecture Students \(AIAS\)](#)

[Boston Society of Architects \(BSA\)](#)

[Society of Architectural Historians](#)

[American Society of Interior Designers](#)

[American Society of Landscape Architects](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Sample LinkedIn.com Groups providing resources such as industry trends, company information, job listings, and networking opportunities within the field:

[THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS](#)

[BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS](#)

[American Institute of Landscape Architects](#)