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Hi Katie,

The Architectural Studies minor proposes formalizing previously approved changes by reducing ARCH 5110 and ARCH 5120 from 4 to 3 credit hours and retitling ARCH 5510, 5520, and 5810 to better reflect course content, which lowers the minor from 13 to 12 total credits so students can complete it without an unneeded extra course.

The Engineering College Committee on Academic Affairs met on March 25, 2026 and reviewed this proposal as an informational item. There were no questions or concerns and a College-level record of support for this proposal was created. Please let me know if you need any additional information or if you prefer this delivered in a different format.

Thank you!

Cory



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February 25, 2026
Vice Provost W. Randy Smith
Council of Academic Affairs
Office of Academic Affairs
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Re: Updating the Architectural Studies Minor

Dear Vice Provost W. Randy Smith,

On behalf of the Knowlton School's Architecture Undergraduate Program, I am pleased to submit the following update to the Architectural Studies minor. This letter serves to outline the details and reasoning behind those changes.

Our curriculum revisions have been informed by faculty engagement and vote during the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 academic year.

Appendix A: Overview of proposed changes

Appendix B: Narrative of rationale for revisions

Appendix C: Comparison of the current advising sheet and the revised advising sheet

The Architecture Section looks forward to working with you to implement our proposed Architectural Studies minor changes. Please contact me with any questions or requested revisions.

Sincerely,



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Academic Program Services Specialist
Knowlton School of Architecture



Curtis Roth
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Interim Section Head of Architecture
Knowlton School of Architecture

Appendix A: Overview of proposed changes

- Two (2) course credit-hour reductions

Course Title	Current C.H.	Proposed C.H.	Rationale for Change
ARCH 5110: History of Architecture I	4	3	Align C.H. with other history / theory courses in the curriculum, and to more accurately reflect course expectations. *This has previously been approved by CAA and is already implemented in SIS.
ARCH 5120: History of Architecture II	4	3	Align C.H. with other history / theory courses in the curriculum, and to more accurately reflect course expectations. *This has previously been approved by CAA and is already implemented in SIS

- Three (3) course name changes

Current Course Title	Proposed Course Title	Rationale for Change
ARCH 5510: Construction I	ARCH 5510: Materials and Envelopes I	New title more accurately reflects course content *This has previously been approved by CAA and is already implemented in SIS
ARCH 5520: Construction 2	ARCH 5520: Materials and Envelopes II	New title more accurately reflects course content *This has previously been approved by CAA and is already implemented in SIS

Current Course Title (continued)	Proposed Course Title (continued)	Rationale for Change (continued)
ARCH 5810: Systems I	ARCH 5810: Architectural Environments	New title more accurately reflects course content *This has previously been approved by CAA and is already implemented in SIS

- Total program credit hour reduction by one (1) credit hour

Current Credit Hours	Proposed Credit Hours
13	12

Appendix B: Narrative of rationale for revisions

The course credit hour reductions for ARCH 5110 and ARCH 5120 from 4-credit hours to 3-credit hours was approved by the Council of Academic Affairs (CAA) in their November 20, 2024, meeting. Additionally, the Council of Academic Affairs (CAA) was informed as an information item during their June 23, 2023, meeting of the course name changes for ARCH 5510, ARCH 5520 and ARCH 5810 and subsequently, a formal, institution-level record of this action was created. Since the approvals of the credit hour reductions and course name changes, all changes have been made within the Office of the Registrar and are reflected in SIS. Our request is to now reflect these changes in the Architectural Studies minor curriculum and advising.

Due to the decrease in credit hours of our history sequence, we are requesting that our Architectural Studies minor be reduced by one (1) credit hour total. With the current credit hours, our students are falling short by one credit hour to complete their minors. The reduction in total credit hours will help our students to complete their minor without having to take additional courses that are not needed to fulfill the current 13 credit-hour requirement.

Appendix C: Comparison of the current curriculum/advising sheet and the revised curriculum/advising sheet

- Current curriculum/advising sheet

The Ohio State University College of Engineering

Architectural Studies Minor

Architecture Section
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knowlton.osu.edu/architecture-minor

Every engaged citizen will impact the physical environment, from renovating a family home to voting on large civic projects. Therefore, every student should be educated to make informed decisions when doing so. Through courses in this Minor, students arrive at an understanding of the world: a global ecology of diverse cultures linked by electronic media and the earth's limited resources. Because of architecture's broad cultural impact, the Minor in Architectural Studies is geared towards a wide audience.

The minor consists of 13 credit hours from the Section's offerings. At least 6 credit hours must be in courses at the 3000-level or above.

No permissions or approvals are required from the Section to pursue the Minor, though students should alert college or school advisors of their intent to complete the Minor, so that the correct plan can be added to their records and tracked in the degree auditing system.

Required courses (choose 1 or 2):

KNOW 2300, Outlines of the Built Environment, 3
KNOW 2310, Seeing and Making, 4

Electives (remaining credit hours):

ARCH 2220, Sustainability in the Built Environment, 3
ARCH 2610, Introduction to Digital Design Software, 3
ARCH 5110, History of Architecture I, 4
ARCH 5120, History of Architecture II, 4
ARCH 5210, Forms of Architectural Theory, 3
ARCH 5290, Topics in Architectural Theory, 3
ARCH 5510, Building Construction I, 3
ARCH 5520, Building Construction II, 3
ARCH 5590, Topics in Building Technology, 3
ARCH 5810, Environmental, Mechanical, and Electrical Systems in Architecture, 3

Study Abroad

ARCH 4798, Domestic Study Tour
ARCH 4880, Interdepartmental Seminar
ARCH 5798, Study Tour

Architectural Studies Minor program guidelines:

Credit hours required: 13 credit hrs minimum. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 13 credit hrs minor. At least 6 credit hrs must be at the 3000-level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed: A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
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X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required: No.

Filing the minor program form: The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school advisor.

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- Updated curriculum/advising sheet

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