Getting Involved

CAED Student Council
Made up of representatives from all of the clubs within the college. Primarily, the council acts as a liaison to and from ASI, but in addition they facilitate communication among students and organize college-wide events. Elections are held toward the end of Spring quarter.

Architecture Department College-Based Fee Steering Committee
A student elected intermediary between students, administrators and faculty. Its function is to ensure that student input is acknowledged, and to make students aware of administrative decisions and allocations of the supplemental college-based academic fee.

SCARAB
A National Honorary Service Organization that has distinguished members from the entire CAED. As a vehicle of community service both on and off campus, SCARAB complements the academic education of CAED students with “hands-on” experience.

AIAS
The American Institute of Architecture Students organization introduces students to the profession on a local and a national level. The club organizes workshops, speakers, and social events to complement the curriculum and foster a lasting relationship with the profession.

Alpha Rho Chi
A national co-ed club designed to “organize and unite in fellowship the architectural (and allied arts) students in the universities and colleges of America.” The Cal Poly chapter, known as the Daedelus Chapter, was established in 1960, and draws members from all CAED departments.

Design Village
The club that organizes, promotes and executes a national Design/Build Experimental Structure Competition in Poly Canyon coinciding with Open House. The event has been hosted at Poly for over 30 years, and encourages participation by students throughout the CAED.

CSI
The Cal Poly CSI Chapter is affiliated with the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI). CSI is the umbrella organization for the entire construction industry. The CSI Affiliate Chapter includes architecture, construction management, and engineering majors. Each year the student chapter sponsors a Construction Science Forum that includes a product show, technical workshops, keynote speakers, and a student design competition.

DBIA
The Cal Poly DBIA Chapter is a student affiliate of Design Build Institute of America (DBIA). Design-build is a project delivery system wherein a single entity provides comprehensive design and construction services to an owner under a single contract. The Design-Build Institute of America believes that integrated facilities delivery possesses fundamental advantages over traditional project delivery methods practiced in the United States.

BEEP
The BEEP program allows students to work with a faculty member for one quarter in a local elementary school teaching concepts related to the built environment.
**The Architecture Program**

The Architecture Department at Cal Poly, one of five departments in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, is one of the largest and finest architecture programs in the world. Accepted students have the highest entrance scores of all applicants to a university world-renowned for the quality of its students.

The current Bachelor of Architecture undergraduate program has its roots in an architectural drafting course offered in 1942 that grew into an NAAB accredited five-year program established in 1970. The architecture program is recognized throughout the world for its unique and distinguished contribution to architectural education and for the quality of its graduates. This was reinforced when Cal Poly's architecture program was ranked No. 2 in the nation, second only to Harvard University. The rankings, released in the November 2002 issue of DesignIntelligence, were the result of a survey of 148 owners, partners, and principals at the top private architecture and engineering firms in the United States.

Architecture epitomizes the “learn-by-doing” pedagogy that is fundamental to Cal Poly. The program is rigorous and combines a sequential-based design and technical curriculum and a wide variety of elective opportunities. The administration, faculty, and staff are committed to the program and its primary emphasis on teaching excellence at the undergraduate level. The unusual size of the program and the diversity of faculty interests and accomplishments offer a vast palette of directions, concerns and issues as backdrops for studio work. The location of the program within the College provides cross-disciplinary opportunities in the areas of Landscape Architecture, Construction Management, City & Regional Planning, and Architectural Engineering.

**Scholarships & Awards**

Once you have begun the program there are a number of scholarships available to Architecture majors. The majority require some type of design competence and demonstrated financial need. Applications for Scholarships and Awards are accepted each Winter Quarter, with awards being funded the following Fall.

**Study Opportunities**

### Minors

The list identifies minors currently available to architecture majors within the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. They reflect some of the interdisciplinary opportunities within the college.

- Environmental Design Minor
- Real Property Development Minor
- Sustainable Environments Minor
- Integrated project University Minor
- City and Regional Planning Minor
- Construction Management Minor

### MBA, Architectural Management Track: Fourth or Fifth Year

Students going into their fourth or fifth year of design may apply to the College of Business to simultaneously enroll in their first year of the MBA program. This unique opportunity allows students to complete both a Bachelor of Architecture and a Master in Business Administration with only one additional year at Cal Poly.

### MCRP: Architecture Planning Track

Students may request permission to enroll in Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) graduate level courses during their fourth and fifth years of study. Upon completion of the BArch degree, students are eligible to formally apply for graduate student status in the MCRP program, and if accepted will have already completed a significant portion of the program.

### Cooperative Education

Co-op is an opportunity for students in their Sophomore level and above to gain academic credit while earning money for full- or part-time employment that relates to their major. Generally, students find their own jobs and request consideration for school credit.

### 4th Year Off-Campus Programs

Students have the opportunity to earn credit toward their BArch degree while participating in a variety of off-campus programs during the fourth year of the curriculum.

- **San Francisco Urban Design Internship Program: Fall or Spring**
  - Students may study for one quarter in San Francisco, under the supervision of a full-time Cal Poly faculty member. Students work with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and other Bay Area architects on professional projects.

- **Washington Alexandria Architectural Consortium: One Year**
  - The Washington Alexandria Architectural Consortium (WAAC) is run by Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Students live in Alexandria, Virginia and take courses offered by teachers from participating university faculty. Many participants work for architecture firms part-time to offset their costs.

- **CSU International Programs: One Year**
  - There are architecture programs sponsored by the CSU in Florence, Italy and Copenhagen, Denmark. The classes are taught by Italian or Danish faculty and provide year long immersions in a different culture.

- **The Washington Alexandria Architectural Consortium (WAAC): One Year**
  - Students may study for one quarter in San Francisco, under the supervision of a full-time Cal Poly faculty member. Students work with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and other Bay Area architects on professional projects.

- **Visiting Student Programs**
  - Depending on student interest, it may be possible for a group of students to travel with an Architecture Department faculty member to the following locations for one quarter of study abroad.
  - **London (England)** Spring
  - **Bangkok (Thailand)** Spring Even Years
  - **Tokyo (Japan)** Spring Odd Years

- **Exchange Programs**
  - Architecture students from Cal Poly have the opportunity to exchange with students from universities in the following and other locations:
    - **Canberra (Australia)** One Year
    - **Sydney (Australia)** One Year
    - **Paris (France)** One Year
    - **Pune (India)** Winter Quarter
    - **Karlsruhe (Germany)** One Year
    - **Stuttgart (Germany)** One Year

**Support Programs & Facilities**

**CAED Advising Center (05-221)**

Provides general information on academic programs; general education and breadth requirements; university and college policies and procedures; tutoring; special programs; referral of students to other campus resources.

**Architecture Advising Center (05-216)**

The faculty that staff the department’s advising center provide help with questions concerning curriculum, course selection and progress toward graduation, transfer credit and career counseling.

**Computer Lab (05-308)**

A fully equipped high-end Mac lab with scanning and printing capabilities. Software includes Desktop Publishing, CAAD, Web, 2D Graphics and 3D Modeling.

**Photo Lab (05-114)**

Complete darkroom facilities, with 35mm equipment available for check-out and a photographic studio that is staffed by a professional photographer to provide assistance.

**1-Stop (05-109)**

An after-hours student lounge and coffee shop run by AIAA. Hangouts don’t get hipper than this. Have a cup of joe and talk shop with one of the courteous student volunteers.

**SCARAB Print Room (22-232)**

A student-run, do-it-yourself blueprinting, plotting and copying facility.

**Support Shop (21-136)**

A full metal and wood shop with tools available for check-out and knowledgeable staff to provide assistance.

**Harold & Evelyn Hay Media Resource Center (05-101)**

The specialized CAED slide, book, periodical and sample library that also has slide scanners available for student use.

**Poly Canyon**

Located adjacent to the main campus, Poly Canyon is a nine-acre outdoor experimental construction laboratory containing structures designed and built by CAED students.