

RENSSELAER | ARCHITECTURE

SEMESTER AWAY: CO-OPS AND INTERNSHIPS



Rensselaer's all-institute ARCH program is a critical part of its mission to educate the next generation of practitioners, entrepreneurs and innovators. Learning in the field allows our students to apply the skills and technology that they acquire in the classroom within a professional setting through an internship or co-op anywhere in the world. The program provides a professional pathway for students to experience how different cultures and societies define and shape the practice of architecture worldwide.

Arch is a degree requirement for all BArch and BSArch students entering in the Fall of 2017 and optional for students who entered prior to the Fall of 2017. The program is designed to provide maximum flexibility between the international study-abroad programs, CASE NY, the studio sequence and the World Away experience.

Drawing upon the professional network of our faculty, and RPI alumni, our academic advisors work with students to identify professional offices, institutions and/or programs that the students see as significant to their professional development, design skills, and/or research interests.

ARCH: The Arch experience begins in the summer after the third year. It is a full 12 week, 17 cu academic semester, running from the 3rd week of May to August, drawing upon the cultural resources of the region to engage in project-based learning. Design studios will focus on sites and cultural institutions that can be visited during the summer months. As part of the studio experience, BS and BArch students will also participate in a workshop setting with visiting critics and specialists from outside the region who are not available to our students during the academic year. Arch will offer: group site visits to noteworthy buildings, a visit to the studio project site, guest lecture series, architectural design & technology workshop, pop-up courses, expanded reviews and design juries, access to additional resources / woodshop & robot as well as the opportunity for the BS and BArch students to collaborate. Research waivers will allow qualifying students to participate in a design studio at CASE NY during the summer.

WORLD AWAY: The World Away experience provides a window of 3 to 8 months for students to pursue a co-op or internship anywhere in the world. It is a unique opportunity for students to pursue architecture, or a related design, engineering, or artistic practice that they are passionate about. Co-ops are paid internships that last 4-8 months. Internships are paid and typically last 2-3 months. Depending upon your course of study, the away semester may be in the fall or spring of the junior year. Students will work with their advisors to establish a specific plan during their sophomore year.

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