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PROGRAM TITLE: Minor in Architectural Studies

PLEASE CHECK: GRADUATE UNDERGRADUATE X

DEPARTMENT: Art, Architecture, and Art History HEAD/CHAIR: William Oedel

SCHOOL OR COLLEGE: Humanities and Fine Arts DEAN: Joel Martin

Submission Date: 9/10/09

Proposed Starting Date: 1/1/10

I. PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Describe the Proposal

The architecture minor is intended for students who have a strong interest in architectural studies. It provides students with a liberal exposure to architectural design, history/theory, and technology. The Department offers an undergraduate major in architecture – BFG Design in Architectural Studies. All of the required minor courses are also required in the major.

B. Provide a brief overview of the process for developing the Proposal.

The minor has been developed and approved by the faculty from Architecture+Design and Building Materials and Wood Technology.

II. PURPOSE AND GOALS

Describe the Proposal's purpose and the particular knowledge and skills to be acquired.

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ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES MINOR

BACKGROUND

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES MINOR

Students can apply to the minor by writing a one page letter to the program director, stating particular interests in the minor. Applicants must apply for the minor and must include a copy of their current transcript in the application. The minor is open to all non-Design majors. A total of 24-26 credits (8 courses) are required. Two courses can also count towards the student's major.

Art studios (2 courses, 6 credits)

Art 104	Basic Studio/Drawing	3
Art 105	Basic Studio/Design	3
Other studios as approved		3 each

Architecture+Design studios (2 courses, 6-8 credits)

Arch-Des 300	Design I	4
Arch-Des 301	Design II	4
Other studios as approved		3-4 each

Art History (2 courses, 6 credits)

Art-Hist 100, 110 or 115	Introductory surveys	3
Art-Hist 191A	Intro to Architecture	3
Other history and theory courses as approved		3

Technology (2 courses, 6 credits)

BMATW 211	Energy efficient housing	3
BMATW 313	Light frame const	3
Other engineering, building materials courses as approved		3

APPLICATION for MINOR in ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Architecture + Design Program
Department of Art, Architecture, and Art History
UMass Amherst

This application is for non-Design majors interested in pursuing a minor in architectural studies. Please fill out the following information and submit your request to the Architecture + Design Program. Please include a copy of your current transcript.

Name _____

Campus ID _____

Academic Major _____

Year Level _____

Local Address _____

Local Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please provide a one-paragraph statement of your interest in and commitment to pursuing a minor in architecture.

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

ACCEPTED: _____ DENIED: _____ STUDENT NOTIFIED: _____

Advisor: _____

(Signature)

(Date)