

## **Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure Initiative - (IPAL\*)**

The USC School of Architecture was selected as one of the initial 14 accredited architecture schools in the United States to participate in the NCARB Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure Initiative (IPAL). IPAL monitors and provides support for obtaining architectural registration in designated professionally accredited programs with an integrated approach to Architectural Experience Programs (formerly IDP) and Architectural Registration Exam requirements required for licensure.

USC is one of three schools in California that has been accepted into IPAL and recognized by the California Architectural Board to allow students to take the Architectural Registration Exams while enrolled in school rather than having to wait until after graduation.

USC provides both support for the required Architectural Experience Program requirements through the USC Architectural Guild network of firms and the NotLy Architectural Registration Exam support program to help students prepare and successfully address the exam requirements for licensure.

USC's selection and participation in the IPAL program does not change any of the requirements to our existing architectural degree programs. However, it will provide guidance and additional assistance to all architecture students in becoming eligible for licensure by encouraging them to take advantage of the increased access to the state and national licensure examinations concurrent with enrollment in our accredited professional degree programs. As well, it will provide support and encourage architectural experience in the professional community and provide the opportunity to significantly reduce the amount of time necessary to become a licensed architect while increasing the awareness and interaction between professional and academic experience.

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YEAR ACADEMIC YR AUGUST-JULY	INTEGRATED LICENSURE PATH SEQUENCE RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR LICENSURE UPON GRADUATION	EDUCATION USC B.ARCH CURRICULUM BASED ON 5 YR B.ARCH PROGRAM WITH AXP INTERNSHIP YEAR	EXPERIENCE AXP RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE	EXAM ARE and CSE RECOMMENDED EXAM SCHEDULE**
YEAR 1	<p><b>FRESHMAN ORIENTATION</b> Presentation and discussion of Licensure Path (support, guidelines, strategies and recommendations), attendance required by all freshman</p> <p><b>BEGINNING OF FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER</b> Licensure Path presentation and discussion, held early in semester Recommend interested students begin AXP the summer after first year</p> <p><b>FIRST YEAR MID-SECOND SEMESTER</b> USC School of Architecture job fair; group advising session: prepare students for internship application process; resume and portfolio workshops</p> <p><b>FIRST YEAR SUMMER</b> Students seek AXP experience on their own</p>	<p>FALL ARCH 102aL Architectural Design I ARCH 105L Fundamentals of Design Communication ARCH 114 Architecture: Culture and Community</p> <p>SPRING ARCH 102bL Architectural Design I ARCH 214a World History of Architecture</p>	<p>Summer 1 AXP: 12 wks 12.8% (480 hours)</p>	<p>**Exams to correspond with NotLY seminar schedule. NotLY: Not Licensed Yet in Architecture. A series of free USC seminars and small group sessions dedicated to helping people attain licensure.</p>
YEAR 2	<p><b>SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER</b> Group information and advising session held early in semester Encourage continued AXP experience in summer</p> <p><b>MID-SECOND SEMESTER</b> USC School of Architecture job fair; group advising session: prepare students for internship application process; resume and portfolio workshops</p> <p><b>SECOND YEAR SUMMER</b> Students seek AXP experience on their own</p>	<p>FALL ARCH 202aL Architectural Design II ARCH 213a Building Structures ARCH 214b World History of Architecture</p> <p>SPRING ARCH 202bL Architectural Design II ARCH 211 Materials and Methods of Building Construction ARCH 213b Building Structures</p>	<p>Summer 2 AXP: 12 wks 25.6% (960 hours)</p>	
YEAR 3	<p><b>THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER</b> Individual advising sessions: helping student assess likelihood, compatibility, etc.</p> <p><b>THIRD YEAR MID-SECOND SEMESTER</b> USC School of Architecture job fair; group advising session: prepare students for internship application process, resume and portfolio workshops</p> <p><b>THIRD YEAR SUMMER</b> Student participation in relevant NotLY Licensing Seminar session; take ARE Exam Division 04; students seek AXP experience on their own</p>	<p>FALL ARCH 215 Design for the Thermal and Atmospheric Environment ARCH 302aL Architectural Design III ARCH 313 Design of Building Structures</p> <p>SPRING ARCH 302bL Architectural Design III ARCH 315 Design for the Luminous/Sonic ARCH 411 Architectural Technology</p>	<p>Summer 3 AXP: 12 wks 38.4% (1440 hours)</p>	<p>04 Project Planning &amp; Design</p>
YEAR 4	<p><b>FOURTH YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER</b> Group advising session, discuss AXP Experience Year options and recommendations, held early in semester</p> <p><b>FOURTH YEAR, END OF FIRST SEMESTER</b> Students apply for AXP Experience Award (for AXP Experience Year)</p> <p><b>FOURTH YEAR, SUMMER</b> Student participation in relevant NotLY Licensing Seminar session; take ARE Exam Division 01, 02; students seek AXP experience on their own</p>	<p>FALL ARCH 314 History of Architecture: Contemporary Issues ARCH 402aL Architectural Design IV</p> <p>SPRING ARCH 402bL Architectural Design IV ARCH 525 Professional Practice: Pre-Design, Project and Office Administration Architecture history electives</p>		<p>01 Practice Management</p> <p>02 Project Management</p>
YEAR 5	<p><b>FIFTH YEAR (AXP EXPERIENCE YEAR)</b> AXP Experience Awardees placed into internships or students seek internships on their own (the timing of the AXP Experience Year is suggested at this point in the schedule, but maybe adjusted to accommodate individual student circumstance)</p> <p><b>FIFTH YEAR, SUMMER (OPTION)</b> Student participation in relevant NotLY Licensing Seminar session; alternate sequence for ARE Exams Division 01, 02, 04</p>	<p>AXP EXPERIENCE YEAR</p>	<p>Summer 4 + AXP Experience Year  AXP: 57.5 wks 100.0% (3740 hours)</p>	<p>ALTERNATE SEQUENCE</p> <p>04 Project Planning &amp; Design</p> <p>01 Practice Management</p> <p>02 Project Management</p>
YEAR 6	<p><b>SIXTH YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER</b> Individual advising sessions: progress assessment</p> <p><b>SIXTH YEAR, SUMMER</b> Student participation in relevant NotLY Licensing Seminar session; take ARE Exam Division 03, 05, 06; take California Supplemental Exam (CSE); students seek AXP experience on their own, as needed</p>	<p>FALL ARCH 500aL Comprehensive Architectural Design ARCH 501 Critical Topics in Architecture</p> <p>SPRING ARCH 502aL Architectural Design V ARCH 526 Professional Practice: Legal and Economic Context, Project Documentation</p>		<p>03 Programming &amp; Analysis</p> <p>05 Project Development &amp;</p> <p>06 Construction &amp; Evaluation</p> <p>California Supplemental Exam</p>