McWhorter School of Building Science

Students in the Building Science program learn the basic principles of science, architecture, engineering, business and construction. The four-year curriculum leads to the bachelor of science in building construction, accredited by the American Council for Construction Education. Graduates qualify for positions in all areas of the construction industry.

Students must maintain professional standards of behavior, as outlined in the Student Policy eHandbook, at all times while on university property and while participating in school-sponsored trips, events, and activities. Failure to do so may be grounds for dismissal from the program.

The Cooperative Education Program is offered after completion of two semesters of study at Auburn.

Non-majors will be accepted in BSCI classes on a space-available basis.

Building Science is a multi-disciplinary program which combines a significant technical education with a broad background in business management related to construction. Auburn’s construction program is unique due to its leading edge information technology applications emphasis. This combination provides graduates a comprehensive foundation for success.

Entering Freshmen who meet the general admission requirements of Auburn University will be admitted to the Pre-Building Science program. Transfer students (external) may enter the Pre-Building Science program during fall, spring or summer semester and will be accepted on a space-available basis as determined by the school head. Minimum grade point average of 2.60 is required in 32 semester hours including English, History, Math (Calculus I), and a Natural Science with a lab (Trig-based Physics with lab) required in the first year of the model curriculum. Internal transfer students must be in good academic standing.

Building Science Academic Standards and Policies

To be considered for admission into the professional Building Science program (BSCI), the student must have completed all Pre-Building Science course work shown in the first two years of the BSCI model curriculum, and must have successfully completed a minimum of 63 semester hours. The school reserves the right to limit enrollment in the professional program (BSCI) based on calculated GPA and on available resources. It is possible to have less than the available number of positions filled if applicants do not have a 2.40 formula GPA.

For the fall and summer semesters, thirty students are chosen in rank order based upon the formula GPA calculation described in the Building Science Academic Standards and based upon a minimum 2.40 formula GPA. Exceptions to this minimum GPA are only available through the school head, and shall be only considered with extenuating circumstances. Please see a CADC advisor for a full copy of the BSCI Academic Standards. Repeat applicants will be evaluated based upon grades received in all 21 courses that comprise the Pre-Building Science curriculum. For the spring semester, sixty students are chosen in rank order based upon the formula GPA calculation described in the Building Science Academic Standards and based upon a minimum 2.40 formula GPA. Repeat applicants are evaluated based upon grades received in all 21 courses that compose the Pre-Building Science curriculum. No preference will be given to either first-time or repeat applicants.

After being admitted into the professional program, any student receiving a grade below C in any 3000- or 4000-level BSCI course, or any student whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.50, will be reviewed by the School Academic Standards Committee for approval to continue in the program. Any student who is reviewed may be required to repeat a course or to withdraw from the program.

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