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### What It Is Like To Be An Architect

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This article talks about architecture from the perspective of an actual American architect. He describes how he feels about this career and what advice he gives to the people that are interested in the industry.

Many people believe that being an architect is purely just designing building and layouts, but it is much more than that. Architects can work for a company, but also have their own practice separately. This would help me to be able to do the things that are not necessarily something that my company wants to be a part of. This could also help to further my personal

career as I can increase the amount of personal contacts I have and be able to show that I can work as a leader and an individual.

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From this article, I realized that I will need to keep in mind that even after finishing my five - seven year college education, I will need to complete a two - three year internship in order to actually become an architect. During this long internship, however, you acquire skills and experiences that are necessary to have before actually starting to work as an architect. The reason the architect in this article feels that he succeeded in finding an internship was because he was confident and optimistic throughout the entire process. I assume that this confidence would give the professional a better feeling about potentially working with the undergraduate. So, as I continue this path, I will keep in mind that although it is a lot of work, keeping a positive attitude is vital.

Within this article, it also mentions that a lot of the time, rather than just designing buildings, architects are constantly dealing with contractors, budget managers, and clients. This is helpful to know as I enter this industry as it shows that architecture is not exactly what people think it is and there are many small details that people do not realize are a big part of being an actual, successful architect. As well as this, many things, while working in this industry, can go wrong and often times there are challenges and problems that need to be overcome, when these things fall into place, that is when you feel truly successful and happy within your career. This is helpful as it helps me to realize that it is not easy to be an architect, you do not just design a building and then built it, obstacles need to be overcome and you need to be truly passionate about architecture in order to fix them.

In conclusion, as I begin to dive into college and the career of architecture, I now feel more prepared than ever as I know that not only will it not be easy, but I also have a better

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understanding of what it is actually like to be an architect and to study architecture. From the schooling that is required to the after school responsibilities to the job itself, I am now more aware of how the industry works and what exactly is involved in it.