The AREN laboratories offer state-of-the-art facilities to test a wide range of operational and control strategies for lighting and HVAC systems and subsystems. Indeed, several control projects have been carried out in the Larson HVAC laboratory including demand-ventilation controls, optimal chiller and thermal energy storage controls, outdoor air intake controls, and optimal operation of evaporative systems. In addition, fault diagnostic algorithms have been tested in the laboratory for specific HVAC equipment including for heating and cooling coils, chillers and outdoor air intake dampers.

**Master's Degrees**

- Architectural Engineering - Master of Science (MS) (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/engineering-applied-science/programs-study/architectural-engineering/architectural-engineering-master-science-ms/)

**Doctoral Degree**

- Architectural Engineering - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/engineering-applied-science/programs-study/architectural-engineering/architectural-engineering-doctor-philosophy-phd/)

**Certificate**

- Architectural Lighting - Graduate Certificate (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/engineering-applied-science/programs-study/engineering-applied-science/architectural-lighting-graduate-certificate/)

**Faculty**

While many faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate students, some instruct students at the undergraduate level only. For more information, contact the faculty member’s home department.

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Courses

AREN 5001 (3) Building Energy Systems: Thermal, Electrical & Lighting Sys
Prepares graduate students with general knowledge and skills that are required by advanced AREN technical courses. Covers three parts of materials: 1) building thermal systems, 2) building lighting systems, 3) building electrical systems.
**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree sub plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.
**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5010 (3) Energy System Modeling and Control
Engineering course devoted to building automation and control systems. Topics include HVAC control technology and strategies, measurement and device technologies, analysis and modeling of dynamic systems, simulation of conventional and advanced control approaches, assessment of control loop performance and hands-on direct digital control (DDC) programming exercises as used in current building control practice.
**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** AREN 4140
**Requisites:** Required by advanced AREN technical courses. Covers three parts of building electrical systems.
**Recommended:** Prerequisite AREN 4140.
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5020 (3) Building Energy Audits
Analyzes and measures performance of HVAC systems, envelopes, lighting and hot water systems, and modifications to reduce energy use. Emphasizes existing buildings.
**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade
**Recommended:** Prerequisite AREN 4140.
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5050 (3) Advanced Solar Design
Predicts performance and analyzes economics of low-temperature, high-temperature, photovoltaic, and other innovative solar systems. Also includes performance prediction methods for solar processes. Taught intermittently.
**Requisites:** Required by advanced AREN technical courses. Covers three parts of building electrical systems.
**Recommended:** Prerequisite AREN 4140.
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5060 (3) Distributed Electricity Generation
Introduces basic distributed generation (DG) technologies including fuel-based systems and renewable energy technologies and overview approaches to conduct energy, economical, and environmental analysis of selected DG technologies using state-of-the-art analysis tools to evaluate optimal hybrid distributed generation systems to meet required electrical loads specific to urban centers, campuses, and residential communities.
**Requisites:** Required by advanced AREN technical courses. Covers three parts of building electrical systems.
**Grading Basis:** Letter Grade
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering
AREN 5070 (3) Thermal Analysis of Buildings
Examines response factors, conduction transfer functions and weighting factors for dynamic analysis of building envelopes. Also studies radiative and convective exchange in buildings, internal gains and infiltration analysis as modeled in hourly simulations. Taught intermittently.
**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree sub plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5080 (3) Computer Simulation of Building Energy Systems
Introduces major simulation programs for analysis of building energy loads and system performance. Focuses on one hourly simulation program to develop capability for analysis of multizone structure.
**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course of AREN 4110 or AREN 5110 (minimum grade C). Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree sub plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5110 (3-4) HVAC System Design
Applies engineering principles to the design of heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems for buildings. Covers HVAC systems description, load estimation, psychrometrics, coils and heat exchangers, air and water distribution systems and primary equipment and systems.
**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** AREN 4110
**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree students with sub-plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.
**Recommended:** Prerequisite AREN 3010.
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5130 (3) Optical Design for Illumination and Solid State Lighting
Covers the optical design process for illumination-based optics, emphasis on applications in architectural lighting. In-depth coverage of luminaire photometry, lamps, materials, manufacturing methods, product performance requirements. Projects utilize optical design software and include a variety of lamp types including LEDs using both reflector/lens optics.
**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** AREN 4130
**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree sub plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.
**Recommended:** Prerequisite AREN 3540.
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5510 (3-4) Exterior Lighting Systems
Covers the fundamental principles of illumination engineering to architectural daylighting design, exploring the quantitative methods and tools used to develop daylighting designs and evaluate their performance. Topics include solar resource models, energy transfer models, design methods, and controls for integration with electric lighting systems.
**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course of AREN 3540 (minimum grade C). Restricted to non-degree (NDGR) graduate students only.

AREN 5530 (3) Architectural Lighting Capstone
Concludes the nine-credit Professional Graduate Certificate in Architectural Lighting with an immersive hands-on experience. Concepts learned in the two prior online courses will be demonstrated and experienced using facilities and equipment available on the CU Boulder campus. A culminating, comprehensive project submittal that includes content developed during the entire three-course sequence will be submitted following the on-campus experience.
**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite courses of AREN 5510 and AREN 5520 (all minimum grade C). Restricted to non-degree (NDGR) graduate students only.

AREN 5540 (3) Exterior Lighting Systems
Engages students in exploring and solving lighting problems for exterior environments. Provides an understanding of the design criteria and lighting equipment used in three primary exterior applications: parking lots and roadways, floodlighting of buildings, and sports facilities. Taught intermittently.
**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** AREN 4540
**Requisites:** Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree sub plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.
**Recommended:** Prerequisites AREN 3540 and AREN 4550.
**Additional Information:** Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5570 (3) Building Electrical Systems Design 1
Introduces the generation and distribution of electrical power. Focuses on understanding the loads, control, and protection of secondary electrical distribution systems in building. Applies the national electric code to residential and commercial buildings. Previously offered as a special topics course.
**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** AREN 4570
**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course of AREN 5001 (minimum grade D).
**Recommended:** Prerequisite AREN 3030.

AREN 5580 (3) Daylighting
Applies the fundamental principles of illumination engineering to architectural daylighting design, exploring the quantitative methods and tools used to develop daylighting designs and evaluate their performance. Topics include solar resource models, energy transfer models, design methods, and controls for integration with electric lighting systems.
**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite course of AREN 3540 (minimum grade C).

AREN 5620 (3) Adaptive Lighting Systems
Builds on architectural lighting principles studied in Illumination 1 and 2. Explores quantitative methods and the design process to develop architectural lighting control solutions. Topics include adaptive lighting applications such as daylight integration and occupant well-being, as well as control system architecture and components, codes and standards, and design implementation. Previously offered as a special topics course.
**Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted:** AREN 4620
**Requisites:** Requires prerequisite courses of AREN 3540 and AREN 4550 (minimum grade D).
**Recommended:** Prerequisite AREN 4130.
AREN 5650 (3) Forensic Engineering
Identify and explore the physical, chemical, mechanical, and biological deterioration mechanisms in the most common construction materials; concrete, masonry, metals, wood, polymers, and fiber-reinforced composites. Course topics include an introduction to failure analysis; materials science; ion diffusion; electrochemistry (corrosion); fracture, fatigue, and creep; and diagnostic, retrofit, and rehabilitation strategies for extended service life.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree sub plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.

AREN 5660 (3) Embodied Carbon in Buildings
Introduces students to whole building life cycle assessment (LCA) and embodied carbon in buildings. Topics include LCA methodologies, whole-building LCA tools, materials science of low-carbon and carbon-storing building materials, and strategies for reducing embodied carbon.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only, or BAM students with C-AREN, C-CVEN, or C-ARENCVEN subplan.

AREN 5830 (1-3) Architectural Engineering Special Topic
Supervised study of special topics of interest to students under instructor guidance.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree sub plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.

AREN 5849 (1-3) Independent Study in Architectural Engineering
The topics and the goals of this course are tailored to fit the needs of the student in various areas related to the Architectural Engineering program. These topics and goals, documented in the course agreement form at the start of the semester, include but are not limited to areas of building energy engineering, building illumination systems, construction engineering and management, building materials and resources, and building electrical systems.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

AREN 5890 (3) Sustainable Building Design
Introduces green building design procedure/approach and provides insight into evolving design principles; explores aspects of building thermal/energy performance, indoor/outdoor environmental quality, occupant comfort and climate relevant to building design (structures not covered); emphasizes both comprehensive understanding and practical applications of sustainable building design strategies; applies prevailing simulation tools to assist green building design.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: AREN 4890
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree sub plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.
Recommended: Prerequisite AREN 3010.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 5990 (3) Compu Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Analysis for Built/Natural Envmnts
Explores the fundamentals of simulating/analyzing civil and architectural environments with Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) method. Run with two parallel sessions: fundamentals and applications, with fundamental lectures presenting the principles of CFD technologies, and application sessions demonstrating the application of CFD for resolving building and environmental engineering problems (different than MCEN/ASEN) with hands-on exercises.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: AREN 4990
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students or concurrent degree sub plans (C-AREN, C-CVEN, C-ARENCVEN, or C-EVENCVEN) only.
Recommended: Prerequisites AREN 2120 and APPM 2360.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 6940 (1) Master's Candidate for Degree
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail

AREN 6950 (1-6) Master's Thesis
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 6960 (1-3) Master's Report
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 3.00 total credit hours.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering

AREN 8990 (1-10) Doctoral Dissertation
A minimum of 30 credit hours is required.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Building Systems Engineering