ARCHITECTURE, M.ARCH

The professional Master of Architecture degree program (M.Arch) is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and is open to students with a baccalaureate degree in any field from an accredited college or university. The M.Arch program fulfills the professional degree requirements leading to architectural licensure and registration. The 3.5 year curriculum and the option for advanced standing accommodate students' diverse undergraduate backgrounds. Please see https://architecture.tulane.edu/academics/architecture/m-arch (https://architecture.tulane.edu/academics/architecture/m-arch/) for a more detailed overview.

3.5-year curriculum

The 3.5-year curriculum is structured for students with an accredited baccalaureate degree in any field. The seven-semester curriculum begins with a summer semester, followed by six semesters that include core instruction to fulfill NAAB requirements in addition to elective studios and seminars.

Advanced standing option

AttheTulane University School of Architecture and Built Environment, we understand thateachstudent'spathto pursuing a Master of Architectureprofessional degree(M.Arch) is unique.We thereforeoffer an Advanced Standing Portfolio Assessmentoptionfor applicants who have had previous education or experience in architecture. TheAdvanced Standing portfolio Assessment will constitute an opportunity to acceleratea student'sprogress toward theM.Archdegree. Applicantswith pre-professional degrees, priorlearning experiences, and demonstrable architecture skills, can be evaluated and potentiallyreduce required courses inM.Archdegreepathat Tulane.

Upon application to the M.Arch program, students may request an advanced standing evaluation of their portfolio, academic records, and previous course syllabi for admission with Advanced Standing. Qualified previous learning experiences may satisfy corresponding degree requirements in the M.Arch program. Such evaluations are conducted by a qualified faculty admissions committee, who carefully assess each instance of previous experience and correlate their findings to our degree requirements. If the committee determines that a student has indeed met these requirements, they will be granted advanced standing toward specific courses.

Advanced standing credit is recorded in each student's degree audit from their very first day in the program. This means that students can effectively shorten their required course load, allowing them to focus more deeply on areas where they seek further development, and/or shortening the total time needed to achieve the degree.

It is important to note that a minimum of 50% of the required degree credits must be taken in residence at Tulane to comply with the university's residency requirement policy. This equates to completing 56 credits of the M.Arch's 111 required credit hours in residence, ensuring that while students can benefit from their prior experiences, they still engage meaningfully with the curriculum of the M.Arch program.

The possible courses for which advanced standing may be granted include, but are not limited to:

- ARCH 6011 Architecture Studio (6 c.h.)

- ARCH 6012 Architecture Studio (6 c.h.)

- ARCH 6021 Architecture Studio (6 c.h.)

- ARCH 6022 Architecture Studio (6 c.h.)

- ARCH 6110 Intro to Architecture (3 c.h.)

- ARCH 6111 Topics in Architecture History/Theory (1.5 c.h.)

- ARCH 6112 Topics in Architecture History/Theory (1.5 c.h.)

- ARCH 6113 Topics in Architecture History/Theory (1.5 c.h.)

- ARCH 6114 Topics in Architecture History/Theory (1.5 c.h.)

- ARCH 6211 Site Strategies (3 c.h.)

- ARCH 6212 Materials and Methods (3 c.h.)

- ARCH 6213 Building, Climate, Comfort (4 c.h.)

- ARCH 6214 Structural Systems (4 c.h.)

- ARCH 6311 Design Media I (3 c.h.)

- ARCH 6512 Design Media III (3 c.h.)

- ARCH electives in M.Arch program

Dual degree options

Graduate students may pursue a Master of Architecture degree in conjunction with a Masters of Science in Historic Preservation or Masters of Sustainable Real Estate degree, typically with one additional summer semester of course work. Learn more on the Dual Degree (http://architecture.tulane.edu/programs/dual-degree/) page on the School of Architecture and Built Environment's website, or by the contacting Program Directors of Architecture (https://architecture.tulane.edu/academics/architecture/), Historic Preservation (https://architecture.tulane.edu/academics/preservation/) or Real Estate Development (https://architecture.tulane.edu/academics/real-estate/).

Requirements

Course ID	Title	Credits
History/Theory Sequence		
ARCH 6110	Intro to Architecture *	3
ARCH 6111	Topics in Architecture History/Theory *[1]	1.5
ARCH 6112	Topics in Architecture History/Theory *[1]	1.5
ARCH 6113	Topics in Architecture History/Theory *[1]	1.5
ARCH 6114	Topics in Architecture History/Theory *[1]	1.5
ARCH 6130	Architectural Research Methods [2]	3
Design Media Sequence		
ARCH 6311	Design Media I *	3
ARCH 6312	Design Media II	3
ARCH 6512	Design Media III *	3
Studio Sequence		
ARCH 6011	Architecture Studio *	6
ARCH 6012	Architecture Studio *	6
ARCH 6021	Architecture Studio *	6
ARCH 6022	Architecture Studio *	6
ARCH 6031	Architecture Studio	6
ARCH 6032	Architecture Studio	6
ARCH 6051	Advanced Studio Elective / Research	6
Technological Sequence [3]		
ARCH 6211	Site Strategies *	3
ARCH 6212	Materials and Methods *	3
ARCH 6213	Building, Climate, Comfort *	4
ARCH 6214	Structural Systems *	4
ARCH 6215	Integrated Building Systems [3]	4
Professional Concerns Sequence		
ARCH 6511	Professional Concerns I	3
Electives		
General Electives (4) [4]		12
History/Theory Elective (1)		3
Credits from either thesis or non-thesis studio options during the final year (listed below)		**12**
Total Credit Hours		**111**

Course ID	Title	Credits
Thesis Option		
ARCH 6980	Thesis Research	3
ARCH 6925	Independent Thesis Research	3

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Course ID	Title	Credits
ARCH 6990	Thesis Studio	6
Total Credit Hours		**12**

Course ID	Title	Credits
Non-Thesis Option		
Elective Courses in addition the the 5 listed above (2)		6
ARCH 6052	Advanced Studio Elective / Research	6
Total Credit Hours		**12**

*   Students may be granted advanced standing credit based on portfolio assessment and previous coursework.

1   ARCH 6111 must be taken concurrently with ARCH 6112 and ARCH 6113 must be taken concurrently with ARCH 6114

2   Advanced standing students must take ARCH 6130 Architectural Research Methods in the fall of their first year.

3   Students who have been awarded advanced standing typically receive credit for three out of the five available technology courses. If a student qualifies for advance standing on four, they must take an additional elective course. Advanced standing is not available for ARCH 6215 Integrated Building Systems.

4   The Architecture program offers unique electives each semester. Please consult the Schedule of Classes for current Architecture Electives. All 3-credit-hour ARCH 6000-level courses not included in the program requirements above are recognized as Electives. Additionally, select 3-credit-hour courses in Sustainable Real Estate Development (SRED) and Historic Preservation (PRES) are recognized as electives. Students should contact their School of Architecture and Built Environment advisor for information on current and upcoming offerings of recognized Architecture electives in SRED and PRES.

Program String and Field of Study: ARMAR_GR, ARCM

Contact

For more information, contact the School of Architecture and Built Environment (https://architecture.tulane.edu/).