ARCHITECTURE, M.ARCH

Tulane University is one of the most highly regarded and selective independent research universities in the United States. As a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, we take pride in being a part of this select group of “pre-eminent programs of graduate education and scholarly research.”

The first professional Master of Architecture degree program (M.Arch I) is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) (http://architecture.tulane.edu/programs/naab-accreditation) and is open to students with a baccalaureate degree in any field from an accredited college or university. The M.Arch I program fulfills the professional degree requirements leading to architectural licensure and registration. Two distinct tracks accommodate students’ diverse undergraduate backgrounds.

3.5-year track
The 3.5-year track is structured for students with minimal or no previous architectural education. The seven-semester curriculum begins with a rigorous summer introductory semester, followed by four semesters of core instruction. The final two semesters are primarily elective options, encouraging students to develop customized educational experiences through our rich course offerings.

Students with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture degree, bachelor’s degree in Interior Design or in other three-dimensional design fields may qualify for one semester advanced standing. Students with a pre-professional architecture degree should apply to the two-year track.

2-year track (advanced standing)
The two-year track provides an accelerated path for students with substantial architectural education. Those with a pre-professional degree such as a Bachelor of Science in Architecture or a Bachelor of Environmental Design, or international students with a terminal architecture degree in their respective country who wish to work towards licensure in the US and Canada should apply to this track to gain advanced standing within the M.Arch I program.

The Director of Graduate Architecture determines the level of advanced standing based on students’ college transcripts and design portfolio strength. Typically, students will complete the curriculum in four semesters, two semesters of core instruction to fulfill NAAB requirements and two semesters of elective options to develop independent scholarship. International students with license to practice architecture or eligible for licensure in their respective countries may qualify for further advanced standing to complete the degree in three semesters.

Dual degree options
Graduate students may pursue a Master of Architecture degree in conjunction with a Master of Preservation Studies or Master of Sustainable Real Estate degree, typically with one additional semester of course work. Learn more on the Dual Degree (http://architecture.tulane.edu/programs/dual-degree) page, or by contacting Graduate Architecture Director Benjamin J. Smith (bsmith34@tulane.edu).

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³ Course may be substituted by previous coursework for advance standing students (2-year program).
² Advanced standing students must take ARCH 6130 Arch Research Methods in the fall of their first year.
² Students in the 2-year program normally receive advance standing credit for three out of the four available technology courses. If a student qualifies for advance standing on all four, they must take an additional elective course.
³ Advanced standing is not available for ARCH 6215 Integrated Building Systems.
⁴ In addition to electives from the Architecture catalog, students may take courses from the Preservation Studies or Sustainable Real Estate programs.