

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE / MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION, M.ARCH/MS

Overview

The M.Arch/MSHP dual degree comprises a total of 153 credits. Students must complete 105 credits in the M.Arch program, 48 credits in the MSHP program, making it possible to complete the degree requirements for both programs in 9 semesters of full-time study—as opposed to 11 semesters typically required to complete both degrees independently.

The completion of a thesis or practicum in Historic Preservation is a requirement for graduation.

Advanced standing option

At the Tulane University School of Architecture and Built Environment, we understand that each student's path to pursuing a Master of Architecture professional degree (M.Arch) is unique. We therefore offer an Advanced Standing Portfolio Assessment option for applicants who have had previous education or experience in architecture. The Advanced Standing portfolio Assessment will constitute an opportunity to accelerate a student's progress toward the M.Arch degree. Applicants with pre-professional degrees, prior learning experiences, and demonstrable architecture skills, can be evaluated and potentially reduce required courses in M.Arch degree path at 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

Requirements

The M.Arch/MSHP requires a minimum of 153 credit hours and a cumulative grade point average of 3.000.

See Recommended Plan of Study (<https://catalog.tulane.edu/architecture/combined-degrees/march-ms/#plan-of-study>) below.

Curriculum Requirements

Course ID	Title	Credits
Architecture 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
Architecture Design Media Sequence		
ARCH 6311	Design Media I *	3
ARCH 6312	Design Media II	3
ARCH 6512	Design Media III *	3
Architecture 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
ARCH 6052	Advanced Studio Elective / Research ⁽⁺⁾	6
Architecture 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	4
Architecture Professional Concerns Sequence		
ARCH 6511	Professional Concerns I	3
Architecture Electives		
Approved M.Arch Elective ⁴		3
Approved M.Arch Elective ⁴		3
Approved M.Arch Elective ⁴		3
Approved M.Arch Elective ⁴		3
ARCH Advanced History/Theory Elective		3
Historic Preservation Requirements		
PRES 6100	Introduction to Historic Preservation	3
PRES 6120	History American Architecture ⁽⁺⁾	3
PRES 6130	Archival and Historical Research Methods	3

PRES 6210	Architectural Conservation Lab	6
PRES 6220	Conservation Technology	3
PRES 6151	New Orleans Architecture	3
PRES 6510	Preservation Professional Development	1
PRES 6550	Preservation Policy and Planning in the United States	3
PRES 6560	Preservation Internship ⁵	2
PRES 6580	World Heritage	3
PRES 6980	Preservation Research Seminar	3
Historic Preservation Thesis/Practicum		
PRES 6700	Thesis/Practicum Writing Lab	3
PRES 6720	Thesis/Practicum Editing Lab	3
Historic Preservation Electives		
Approved MSHP Elective ⁶		3
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Approved MSHP or M.Arch Elective ^{(+) 4 6}		3
Total Credit Hours		153

(+) Credits count toward both M.Arch and MSHP.

* 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. 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 Studies.

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 Elective. Additionally, select 3-credit-hour courses in Sustainable Real Estate and 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.

⁵ Students can complete their required Preservation Internship hours over the course of their final summer, final fall and/or final spring semester, and credits will be applied in their final spring semester.

⁶ Select ARCH (Architecture), SRED (Sustainable Real Estate Development), and SISE (Social Innovation/Social Entrepreneurship) courses may count as electives. Consult with the Historic Preservation program director for approval.

Recommended Plan of Study

Summer Session 1		Credit Hours
ARCH 6011	Architecture Studio	6
Credit Hours		6
Summer Session 2		
ARCH 6012	Architecture Studio	6
ARCH 6110	Intro to Architecture	3
Credit Hours		9
Year 1		
Fall		
ARCH 6021	Architecture Studio	6
ARCH 6211	Site Strategies	3
ARCH 6311	Design Media I	3
ARCH 6212	Materials and Methods	3
PRES 6100	Introduction to Historic Preservation	3
Credit Hours		18
Spring		
ARCH 6022	Architecture Studio	6
ARCH 6111 & ARCH 6112	Topics in Architecture History/Theory and Topics in Architecture History/Theory	3
ARCH 6312	Design Media II	3

ARCH 6213	Building, Climate, Comfort	4
Approved M.Arch Elective (1 of 4)		3
Credit Hours		19
Year 2		
Fall		
ARCH 6031	Architecture Studio	6
ARCH 6214	Structural Systems	4
ARCH 6130	Architectural Research Methods	3
PRES 6220	Conservation Technology	3
Approved M.Arch Elective (2 of 4)		3
Credit Hours		19
Spring		
ARCH 6032	Architecture Studio	6
ARCH 6113 & ARCH 6114	Topics in Architecture History/Theory and Topics in Architecture History/Theory	3
ARCH 6215	Integrated Building Systems	4
ARCH 6512	Design Media III	3
Approved M.Arch Elective (3 of 4)		3
Credit Hours		19
Year 3		
Fall		
ARCH 6051	Advanced Studio Elective / Research	6
ARCH 6511	Professional Concerns I	3
PRES 6550	Preservation Policy and Planning in the United States	3
PRES 6580	World Heritage	3
Approved M.Arch Elective (4 of 4)		3
Credit Hours		18
Spring		
ARCH 6052	Advanced Studio Elective / Research ⁷	6
PRES 6120	History American Architecture	3
PRES 6130	Archival and Historical Research Methods	3
PRES 6980	Preservation Research Seminar	3
ARCH Advanced History/Theory Elective		3
Credit Hours		18
Year 4		
Fall		
PRES 6700	Thesis/Practicum Writing Lab	3
PRES 6151	New Orleans Architecture	3
PRES 6510	Preservation Professional Development	1
Approved MSHP Elective (1 of 2)		3
Approved MSHP or M.Arch Elective		3
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
PRES 6210	Architectural Conservation Lab	6
PRES 6720	Thesis/Practicum Editing Lab	3
Approved MSHP Elective (2 of 2)		3
PRES 6560	Preservation Internship ⁸	2
Credit Hours		14
Total Credit Hours		153

⁷ Dual students must enroll in ARCH 6052 and will be automatically placed in the Preservation Planning research studio option.

⁸ *Students can complete their required Preservation Internship hours over the course of their final summer, final fall and/or final spring semester, and credits will be applied in their final spring semester.*

Notes

Students are encouraged to complete their elective requirements over the course of their second and third years, but are able to start enrolling in elective courses as early as their first semester.

Students interested in interdisciplinary electives should work with their Academic Advisor.

Electives can be completed in any order and as early as student schedules allow. Dual Degree candidates are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to determine what plan best meets their academic goals.

Program String and Field of Study: ARMAR_GR, ARCM & ARMS_GR, PRES

Dual Degree Code: MARMPS

Contact

To learn more about the M.Arch/MS program, please contact the School of Architecture and Built Environment (<https://architecture.tulane.edu/academics/dual-degree-programs>).