

ARCHITECTURE, MARCH

The Master of Architecture Professional Degree is a comprehensive and rigorous program, preparing graduates for the full range of activities in the profession. An intensive sequence in Design Studios constitutes the focus of the program. Thorough training is also provided in history, theory, technology, ecology, society, and professional practice. Studios and courses are supported by a rigorous program in visual studies that develops skills in digital and new media. At the upper levels of the program students establish individual trajectories by selecting from a range of elective studios and courses with leading figures in design, technology and theory. The final year culminates in advanced design studios that include research directed by leading designers as well as the option of an independent thesis. Summer programs abroad and studios based in other countries provide opportunities for international studies. The program aims to develop critical, creative and independent thinking that realizes potentials within an ever-changing world. The Master of Architecture degree is a professional degree accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and is a STEM designated program.

Students who hold a five-year professional Bachelor of Architecture degree or its equivalent are not eligible to apply to the Master of Architecture program. They are encouraged to look into one of the post-professional Master of Science in Design degree programs.

The Master of Architecture Program may be combined with certificate programs offered in the Weitzman School of Design.

For more information: <https://www.design.upenn.edu/architecture/graduate/professional-program-march> (<https://www.design.upenn.edu/architecture/graduate/professional-program-march/>)

Curriculum

A total of 29 course units are required for graduation.

First Year		
Fall		
		Course Units
ARCH 5010	Design Studio I	2
ARCH 5110	History and Theory I	1
ARCH 5210	Visual Studies I	0.5
ARCH 5310	Constructor I	0.5
ARCH 5350	Structures I	0.5
Course Units		4.50
Spring		
ARCH 5020	Design Studio II	2
ARCH 5120	History and Theory II	1
ARCH 5220	Visual Studies II	0.5
ARCH 5320	Constructor II	1
ARCH 5360	Structures II	0.5
Course Units		5.00

Second Year		
Fall		
ARCH 6010	Design Studio III	2
ARCH 6110	History and Theory III (consists of two 0.5 courses)	1
ARCH 6210	Visual Studies III	0.5
ARCH 6310	D3: Details, Data, Delivery	0.5
ARCH 6330	Environmental Systems I	.5
Course Units		4.50
Spring		
ARCH 6020	Design Studio IV	2
ARCH 6710	Professional Practice I	.5
ARCH 6340	Environmental Systems II	0.5
ARCH 6360	Material Formations	1
Elective I		1
Course Units		5.00
Third Year		
Fall		
ARCH 7010	Design Studio V	2
ARCH 7710	Professional Practice II: The Practice	1
Elective II		1
Elective III		1
Course Units		5.00
Spring		
ARCH 7040	Design Studio VI	2
Technology Designated Elective:		1
ARCH 7320 or ARCH 7360	Technology Designated Elective ¹ or Technolc Designat Elective	
Elective IV		1
Elective V		1
Course Units		5.00
Total Course Units		29.00

Note: Students with an undergraduate degree in a subject other than architecture may be admitted to the program beginning in June to take ARCH 5000, a 2 CU preparatory studio, prior to entering the first year of coursework for the M. Arch. Students in this curriculum must complete a total of 31 course units to earn the Master of Architecture degree.

Course Waivers

In some instances, students with a specialized background in a subject will be given permission to waive a required course. A course waiver waives the course requirement NOT the total course units to complete the degree.

¹ A total of 1 CU in the category of Technology-Designated Elective is needed to meet the degree requirements. Take one 1 CU ARCH 7320 course or take two 0.5 CU ARCH 7360 courses.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
