The Master of Science degree, first offered in 1984, is intended for individuals with an undergraduate professional degree in architecture who wish to pursue a self-directed program of study at the advanced level. It enables students to gain a greater understanding of the relationship between the discipline and the profession. A total of ten approved courses are required, including one course in Architectural Theory and an individually directed selection of electives from the Master of Architecture program, and a qualifying exam. This degree is normally completed in one calendar year. Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree in architecture.

For more information: https://www.design.upenn.edu/architecture/graduate/master-science-architecture

View the University’s Academic Rules for Research Master’s Programs (http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-research-masters/).

Curriculum
A total of 10 course units are required.

First Year
Fall
ARCH 8110 Theories of Architecture: Environments, Techniques, and Expressive Means 1
Elective I 1
Elective II 1
Elective III 1
Course Units 4.00
Spring
ARCH 8120 Methods in Architectural Research 1
Elective IV 1
Elective V 1
Elective VI 1
Course Units 4.00
Summer
ARCH 8150 Research Report 2
Course Units 2.00
Total Course Units 10.00

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.