

ARCHITECTURE, PHD

The Ph.D. Program in Architecture, created in 1964, is the oldest in the country and is widely regarded as preeminent in the fields of theory, technology and representation. Its goal is to produce a body of graduates who will act as a reflective haven to the architectural profession, providing an historical and/or theoretical context for current practice.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture is for the person who wishes to make a significant scholarly contribution to the discipline of architecture. Requirements for the degree include twenty approved courses, the passing of two language exams, a qualifying examination, a preliminary examination, teaching experience, a dissertation and a final defense. Course work from previous Master's degrees is taken into consideration when deciding the number of courses required for the Ph.D. degree. Students with a Master's degree from Penn may be granted up to 12 course units transfer credit, those with a Master's degree from another institution may be granted up to 8 towards their Ph.D. requirement.

For more information: <https://www.design.upenn.edu/architecture/graduate/info> (<https://www.design.upenn.edu/architecture/graduate/info/>)

View the University's Academic Rules for PhD Programs (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-phd/>).

Curriculum

A total of 20 course units are required.

Code	Title	Course Units
Year 1		
<i>Fall</i>		
ARCH 8110	Theories of Architecture: Environments, Techniques, and Expressive Means	1
Select three electives		3
<i>Spring</i>		
ARCH 8120	Methods In Architectural Research	1
ARCH 8130	Qualifying Research	1
Select two electives		2
Year 2		
<i>Fall</i>		
ARCH 8510	Field Bibliography	1
ARCH 8520	Dissertation Proposal	1
Select two electives		2
<i>Spring</i>		
Select four electives		4
Year 3		
<i>Fall</i>		
Select four electives		4
Year 4		
<i>Fall</i>		
ARCH 9950	Dissertation	0
Total Course Units		20

Program Milestones

- 2 language exams
- 2 semesters as a teaching assistant
- Qualifying Examination
- Preliminary Examination
- Dissertation and Final Defense

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.