Master in Architecture I

For Students Entering Fall 2019

A candidate will be recommended for the Master in Architecture as a professional degree upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 140 units. MArch I students pursue the following seven semester course of study:

First Term
8 units   GSD 1101  First Semester Architecture Core Studio: PROJECT
2 units   GSD 2121  (M1) Architecture Representation I
2 units   GSD 2122  (M2) Architectural Representation II
4 units   GSD 4121  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts I
2 units   GSD 6121  (M1) Environmental Systems I
2 units   GSD 6122  (M2) Environmental Systems II

Second Term
8 units   GSD 1102  Second Semester Architecture Core Studio: SITUATE
4 units   GSD 4122  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts II
2 units   GSD 6125  (M3) Building Simulation
2 units   GSD 6126  (M4) Materials
4 units   GSD 6227  Structural Design I

Third Term
8 units   GSD 1201  Third Semester Architecture Core Studio: INTEGRATE
4 units   GSD 6123  Construction Systems
4 units   GSD 6229  Structural Design II
4 units   Digital Media Requirement** or Distributional or General Electives***

Fourth Term
8 units   GSD 1202  Fourth Semester Architecture Core Studio: RELATE
4 units   GSD 4223  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts III
4 units   GSD 6230  Cases in Contemporary Construction
4 units   Digital Media Requirement** or Distributional or General Electives***

Fifth Term
8 units   Option Studio*
4 units   GSD 7212  Foundations of Practice
8 units   Distributional or General Electives***

Sixth Term
8 units   Option Studio*
8 units   Distributional or General Electives
4 units   GSD 9203  Thesis Prep Course (or pre-approved alternative)****

Note: The department encourages students to take electives that support thesis interests during their sixth semester.

Seventh Term
12 units   GSD 9301 Independent Design Thesis
8 units   Distributional or General Electives **

Footnotes

* A minimum of one Option Studio taken must be offered through the Department of Architecture.
** A 4-unit Digital Media Requirement course must be taken in the third or fourth semester. Offerings may vary by year.

***Students are required to fulfill the following distributional electives:
- 8 units of advanced history
- 4 units of global culture and diversity
- 4 units of professional practice

An approved list of distributional electives is posted each term. Please note that some courses may count toward the satisfaction of two distributional electives. For example, an advanced history course may also fulfill a global culture and diversity requirement.

General electives may be fulfilled through any course at the GSD or cross-registered courses at Harvard schools, MIT, or the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts.

****Students are required to take GSD 9203 in their sixth semester; however, an alternative thesis prep course may be approved by petition to the department.