

Master in Architecture I AP

For Students Entering Fall 2020

A candidate who is admitted to the program with advanced standing (MArch I AP) will be recommended for the Master in Architecture as a professional degree upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 100 units. The first semester of the MArch I AP follows a similar course of study and as that of the third semester of the MArch I program and the follows a similar sequence for the rest of the semesters:

First Term

8 units GSD 1201 Third Semester Architecture Core Studio: INTEGRATE
2 units GSD 6121 (M1) Environmental Systems I
2 units GSD 6122 (M2) Environmental Systems II
4 units GSD 6123 Construction Systems
4 units GSD 6229 Structural Design II

Second Term

8 units GSD 1202 Fourth Semester Core Studio: RELATE
4 units GSD 4223 Buildings, Texts, and Contexts: Modernism and its Counter-Narratives*
4 units GSD 6230 Cases in Contemporary Construction
4 units Digital Media Requirement*** or Distributional or General Electives****

Third Term

8 units Option Studio **
4 units GSD 7212 Foundations of Practice
8 units Digital Media Requirement*** or Distributional or General Electives****

Fourth Term

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

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

Fifth Term

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

Please note that an entering Advanced Placement student may not be waived out of all first-year courses, so individual schedules may vary.

Footnotes

* MArch I AP students are recommended to take a Building, Texts, and Contexts (BTC) course in the spring of their second semester; however students may elect to fulfill the BTC requirement in the fall if that better accommodates their academic goals.

** A minimum of one Option Studio taken must be offered through the Department of Architecture.

*** 4 units of Digital Media Requirement courses must be taken in the second or third 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 fourth semester; however, an alternative thesis prep course may be approved by petition to the department.