

Master in Architecture I

For Students Entering Fall 2020

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) Architectural Representation I
2 units	GSD 2122	(M2) Architectural Representation II
4 units	GSD 4122	Buildings, Texts, and Contexts: Between Origins and Modernity: Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Architecture
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 4223	Buildings, Texts, and Contexts: Modernism and its Counter-Narratives
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 4121	Buildings, Texts, and Contexts: Modernity's Antecedents and Alternatives
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.

Master in Architecture I AP

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 approved alternative)*****
8 units Digital Media Requirement*** or Distributional or General Electives****

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.

Master in Architecture II

A candidate will be recommended for the Master in Architecture as a professional degree upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 80 units. MArch II students pursue the following 4 semester course of study:

Year One

First Term

8 units Option Studio*
4 units GSD 9601 Proseminar
8 units Distributional or General Electives**

Second Term

8 units Option Studio*
12 units Distributional or General Electives**

Year Two, Track A: Option Studios

Third Term

8 units Option Studio*
12 units Distributional or General Electives**

Fourth Term

8 units Option Studio*
12 units Distributional or General Electives**

or

Year Two, Track B: Independent Thesis (by application*)**

Third Term

8 units Option Studio*
4 units Course to prepare for thesis
12 units Distributional or General Electives**

Fourth Term

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

Footnotes

*A minimum of 2 option studios taken over the course of a student's program must be offered by the Department of Architecture.

**Students are required to fulfill the following distributional electives:

- 4 units of Discourse and Techniques
- 4 units of Professional Practice
- 4 units of Technologies of Visualization and Fabrication

An approved list of distributional electives is posted each term.

A minimum of one half of the electives in the student's curriculum must be fulfilled by courses offered at the GSD. Students are eligible to fulfill electives through cross-registered courses at other Harvard schools, MIT, or the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts.

***MArch II students may opt to do thesis with prior approval from the department. Approval must be obtained by the end of the first year of studies. (A collaborative group thesis or a continuation of the work of an option studio are permissible with prior approval.)