

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING FALL 2025

Students entering in the fall of 2025 will be recommended for degree upon satisfactory completion of the requirements listed in this publication. Returning students should confirm degree requirements for their entering class by checking the Information for Current Students section of their program's website.

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

Second Term

8 units	STU 1202	Fourth Semester Core Studio: RELATE
4 units	HIS 4100	Buildings, Texts, and Contexts: Origins and Ends *
4 units	SCI 6230	Cases in Contemporary Construction
4 units	Digital Media Requirement***, distributional elective, or general elective****	

Third Term

8 units	Option Studio **	
4 units	PRO 7212	Foundations of Practice
8 units	Digital Media Requirement***, distributional electives, and/or general electives****	

Fourth Term

8 unit	Option Studio **	
4 units	ADV 9203	Thesis Prep Course (or approved alternative)*****
8 units	Distributional electives and/or general electives****	

Fifth Term

12 units	ADV 9301	Independent Design Thesis
8 units	Distributional electives and/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 required to take the Building, Texts, and Contexts (BTC) course HIS-4100 in their second semester (spring); however, students may elect to fulfill the BTC requirement with HIS-4223 in their first or third semester (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.