

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.

ARCHITECTURE

MASTER IN ARCHITECTURE I

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	STU 1101	First Semester Architecture Core Studio: PROJECT
2 units	VIS 2121	(M1) Architectural Representation I
2 units	VIS 2122	(M2) Architectural Representation II
4 units	HIS 4223	Buildings, Texts and Contexts: Modernism and Its Counter-Narratives
2 units	SCI 6121	(M1) Environmental Systems I
2 units	SCI 6122	(M2) Environmental Systems II

Second Term

8 units	STU 1102	Second Semester Architecture Core Studio: SITUATE
4 units	HIS 4100	Buildings, Texts, and Contexts: Origins and Ends
2 units	SCI 6125	(M3) Building Simulation
2 units	SCI 6126	(M4) Materials
4 units	SCI 6227	Structural Design I

Third Term

8 units	STU 1201	Third Semester Architecture Core Studio: INTEGRATE
4 units	SCI 6123	Construction Systems
4 units	SCI 6229	Structural Design II
4 units	Building, Texts and Contexts Requirement**	

Fourth Term

8 units	STU 1202	Fourth Semester Architecture Core Studio: RELATE
4 units	GSD 6230	Cases in Contemporary Construction
8 units	Digital Media Requirement***, distributional electives, and/or general electives****	

Fifth Term

8 units	Option Studio*	
4 units	PRO 7212	Foundations of Practice
8 units	Distributional electives and/or general electives****	

Sixth Term

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

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 electives and/or general electives ****	

Footnotes:

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

** A 4-unit Buildings, Texts, and Contexts course must be taken in the third. Offerings may vary by year.

*** A 4-unit Digital Media Requirement course must be taken in the 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. 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.