

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

POST-PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAM

The Master of Science in Architecture is a research-oriented post-professional degree program that allows students to pursue advanced individual studies that bridge design and research. Topics are determined by the research interests of our faculty and include urbanism, design methods, structural systems, energy-based design, fabrication, and landscape architecture.

## CURRICULUM

The one year, three semester program, typically lasts a full calendar year. The M.S. Arch. program of study includes a minimum of 32 credit hours and is structured around an independent thesis project. Twelve credits are in research-based design studios that are complementary to the thesis project. The remaining credits are devoted to thesis development, research, and supporting electives. The focus on research-based design is understood both as an intellectual problem—exploring the relationship between design and research in knowledge production—and as a practical problem—experimenting with ways for design research to affect architectural practice.

Each student thesis should address a problem that has consequences for contemporary architectural production at large. After acceptance by the advisory committee, the final thesis work, including text and images, is submitted as a bound volume to the university library.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The program is open to applicants holding an accredited professional degree in architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, or allied field. Applicants with a degree earned outside the U.S. must have the equivalent to a first professional degree and be eligible for licensure in their home country.

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**SCHOLARSHIP/TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP**  
Scholarships and fellowships are awarded to students who have an outstanding combined portfolio and academic record. IIT Architecture offers one-year merit-based scholarships to deserving applicants; only for their first year of study. Applicants are reviewed by the Graduate Admissions Committee, and those who apply by the priority deadline will be notified of scholarship offers in March. Only deposited students can apply for teaching assistantships; assignments are made a week before the beginning of the semester.

**MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (M.ARCH./ M.L.A.) DUAL DEGREE**  
This dual degree program provides core knowledge in both fields, while emphasizing shared territories and concerns, preparing students for the full complexity of the contemporary metropolis. The combined M.Arch./M.L.A. embraces integrative thinking and addresses the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. With just two additional semesters of study, students can add a second, highly desirable graduate degree.

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2017 CURRICULUM

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FALL SEMESTER (METROPOLIS)	HRS.	SPRING SEMESTER (METROPOLIS)	HRS.
ARCH 545: Architecture Cloud Studio V: Metropolis	6	ARCH 546: Architecture Cloud Studio VI: Metropolis	6
ARCH 588 Pre-Thesis Seminar	3	ARCH 589 Thesis Seminar	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Total Hours	12
Total Hours	15		
SUMMER OR FALL SEMESTER (THESIS)	HRS.		
ARCH 591 Research and Thesis	5		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	32		