

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

The Master of Architecture degree prepares students to make and re-make a better world. Building on our renowned legacy, we emphasize design, technological innovation, and creative inquiry in a hands-on professional learning environment. As makers of the built environment, we explore the union of design and technology.

Tomorrow's architects will need to be nimble, scouting novel paths through the profession. With this in mind, our M.Arch. program stresses research, analysis, and synthesis as preparation for an expanding discipline in which resourcefulness and daring will be rewarded. We are committed to helping our graduates become exceptional design leaders as well as global citizens.

The city of Chicago offers a ready-made urban laboratory for all of our efforts. Our location in a global city allows us to bring together expert designers, engineers, technologists, and theorists drawn from the most prestigious firms in the city and beyond.

CURRICULUM

Our M.Arch. curriculum is centered around design studios led by prominent architects. These studios develop the skills and intuitions that students need to address the most pressing and challenging architectural and urban problems of the day. Each studio offers a distinctive learning environment in which students sharpen their capacity to think critically, experiment speculatively, and make architecture ambitiously. Beyond the studio we offer an integrated architectural education spanning building technology, architectural history and theory, professional practice, and digital fabrication and visualization.

Admitted students who hold a pre-professional degree (B.A. or B.S. in Architecture) from an NAAB-recognized program in the U.S.; or international students holding a professional degree from outside the U.S. may qualify for up to one year of advanced standing in the full M.Arch. program, depending on previous coursework.

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure as an architect. Our M.Arch. is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and satisfies this requirement.

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SCHOLARSHIPS + TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Scholarships and teaching assistantships provide financial support for graduate students. They are awarded to students who have outstanding portfolios and academic records. We offer one-year merit-based scholarships to deserving applicants. Applicants who apply by our priority deadline will be notified of scholarship offers by March. Deposited students are eligible to apply for teaching assistantships, which are assigned at the start of each semester.

INTERNSHIPS

Since its founding, our college has had longstanding and deep relationships with professional practice in Chicago. Today, many Chicago architectural firms have committed to providing a unique opportunity for our students: Paid ten-week summer internships pledged to IIT students only.

M.ARCH. + M.L.A. DUAL DEGREE

This program combines professional masters degrees in architecture and landscape architecture. With just two additional semesters of study, students can obtain a second highly desirable graduate degree. The program provides core knowledge in both fields, while emphasizing shared territories and concerns, preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

IntroARCH

IntroARCH is a summer graduate workshop designed to prepare students for our graduate architectural studio sequence. IntroARCH is highly recommended for students embarking on full program graduate degrees. The workshop is also open to those not currently seeking a degree at IIT Architecture but who are interested in pursuing graduate architectural studies in the future.

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2018 Sample Curriculum

1ST YEAR FALL (ELEMENTS)	HRS.	1ST YEAR SPRING (HOUSE)	HRS.
ARCH 541 Architecture Studio I	6	ARCH 542 Architecture Studio II	6
ARCH 506 Design Communications I	3	ARCH 507 Design Communications II	3
ARCH 500 Global Modernism	3	ARCH 501 Contemporary Arch	3
ARCH 485 Structures I: Structural Analysis - The System	3	ARCH 486 Structures II: Building Design	3
Total Hours	15	Architecture Elective	3
		Total Hours	18
2ND YEAR FALL (HYBRID)		2ND YEAR SPRING (SYNTHESIS)	
ARCH 543 Architecture Studio III	6	ARCH 544 Architecture Studio IV (CBD)	6
ARCH 508 Design Communications III	3	ARCH 502/3 Advanced History/Theory	3
ARCH 520 Intro to Urbanism	3	ARCH 568 Architectural Practice	3
ARCH 513 Environment and Building Systems I	3	ARCH 514 Environment and Building Systems II	3
Materials Elective	3	ARCH 505 Urban Ecology	3
Total Hours	18	Total Hours	18
3RD YEAR FALL (ADVANCED)		3RD YEAR SPRING (ADVANCED)	
ARCH 545 Architecture Advanced Studio V	6	ARCH 546 Architecture Advanced Studio VI	6
ARCH 502/3 Advanced History/Theory	3	Architecture Elective	3
Professional Practice Elective	3	Architecture Elective	3
Architecture Elective	3	Architecture Elective	3
Architecture Elective	3	Total Hours	15
Total Hours	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	102

Advanced Standing

1ST YEAR FALL (HYBRID)	HRS.	1ST YEAR SPRING (SYNTHESIS)	HRS.
ARCH 543 Architecture Studio III	6	ARCH 544 Architecture Studio IV	6
ARCH 508 Design Communications III	3	ARCH 501 Contemporary Arch	3
ARCH 485 Structures I: Structural Analysis - The System	3	ARCH 486 Structures II: Building Design	3
ARCH 500 Global Modernism	3	ARCH 568 Architectural Practice	3
ARCH 513 Environment and Building Systems I	3	ARCH 514 Environment and Building Systems II	3
Total Hours	18	Total Hours	18
2ND YEAR FALL (ADVANCED)		2ND YEAR SPRING (ADVANCED)	
ARCH 545 Architecture Advanced Studio V	6	ARCH 546 Architecture Advanced Studio VI	6
ARCH 520 Intro to Urbanism	3	ARCH 502/3 Advanced History/Theory	3
Professional Practice Elective	3	Architecture Elective	3
Architecture Elective	3	Architecture Elective	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15
		TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	66