MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

POST-PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAM

The Master of Science program is a research-oriented post-professional degree for students holding a NAAB-accredited B.Arch., M.Arch., or equivalent international degree. The program focuses on developing new and better models for shaping socialy, culturally, and ecologically sustainable environments, exploring the space between emerging forms of urbanization and existing concepts of architecture, landscape, and cities.

The one-year program, two or three semesters in duration, typically lasts a full calendar year. The program is open to applicants holding a first professional Bachelor of Architecture or Master of Architecture degree. Applicants from the U.S. must have their degree from a National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB)-accredited institution. Applicants with a degree earned outside the U.S. must have the equivalent to a first professional degree in architecture and be eligible for licensure in their home country.

CURRICULUM AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The M.S. Arch program of study includes a minimum of 32 credit hours, of which twelve is in Cloud Studio and the remaining credits are in Thesis Preparation Seminars (ARCH 588/589), Research and Thesis Seminars (ARCH 591) and electives. Thesis development is parallel and complementary with the research design based Cloud studio ARCH 545 and design research based Cloud studio ARCH 546. The focus on design based research work is understood both as an intellectual problem of exploring the relationship between design and theory for knowledge production, and as a practical problem of the way that design research can effect architectural practice.

Thesis Preparation Seminars are conducted on thesis development, with a thesis statement outlining an area of study or a problem that has consequences for contemporary architectural production at-large. Thesis work leads towards the final acceptance of the presentation materials by the advisory committee. The text, reductions of the drawings, and representations using various media are bound together in a hard-cover volume, which is deposited in the GRC and the university's library.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships and fellowships are awarded to students who have an outstanding combined portfolio and academic record. The College of Architecture offers one-year scholarships to deserving applicants; only for their first year of study. Applicants are reviewed by the Director of the MS. Arch Program, and those who fall under the priority deadline will be notified of scholarship offers in March.
Teaching assistant assignments are made a week before the beginning of each term and are approximately $2K-$3K per semester.

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE/ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (M.ARCH./ M.L.A.) DUAL DEGREE

This newly created 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. Those with a Bachelor of Architecture can apply for advanced standing further reducing their studies by one year.

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2016 CURRICULUM

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FALL SEMESTER	HRS.
ARCH 545: Architecture Cloud Studio V: Metropolis	6
ARCH 588 Pre-Thesis Seminar	3
Elective	3
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Total Hours	15

SPRING SEMESTER	HRS.
ARCH 546: Architecture Cloud Studio VI: Metropolis	6
ARCH 589 Thesis Seminar	3
Elective	3
Total Hours	12

SUMMER OR FALL SEMESTER	HRS.
ARCH 591 Research and Thesis	5

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	32

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