Architecture, MArch

This is an accredited professional degree program that has been educating aspiring architects and other built environment professionals since the 1950s. The program was recently redesigned to be more inclusive and accessible, while allowing you to customize your educational journey and achieve excellence.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MArch Architecture

Architecture and the building industry are rapidly changing, and professionals need to be more effectively prepared to innovate and challenge a workforce that is far more dynamic, complex and diverse than it was 20 years ago. Professional architecture firms and offices no longer specialize in building design only, having expanded into related fields which is compelling architecture education to become more comprehensive and advanced than ever.

With the redesigned MArch curriculum and schedule, students can both complete the accredited architecture degree content and gain additional credentials for another master's degree or certificate that supports their individual interests. This enables students to pursue concurrent options in related areas such as construction management, sustainability, real estate development, urban planning, landscape architecture, interior architecture, business and other subject areas. It is also possible for students to simultaneously join other programs across ASU such as health, education or fine arts.

Each semester of the program includes a design studio and two other courses such as technology, representation, history, theory, research and practice. Students craft the design and plan the construction of economically and ecologically sustainable built environments and communities, and they are rigorously trained on advanced design and digital prototyping, innovative building systems and new technologies as well as in the research and advocacy of the expansive public role of architects within a broader civic dialogue and social justice aspirations.

The program is offered in two distinct learning modalities, in-person and online, allowing further opportunities to earn the same National Architectural Accrediting Board accredited professional degree.

Students who successfully complete the requirements for Master of Architecture program and their chosen electives for their certificate can choose to continue for an additional year in their added field and
convey their certificate into the second master's degree. Students pursuing concurrent degrees earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas, allowing students to pursue their own personal or professional interests effectively.

The mission of The Design School is to prepare students for professional success, while continuing to innovate and advance the discipline of architecture through an emphasis on place, context and contemporary culture, which recognizes responsibility and commitment to social and environmental justice within Arizona, the region, nation and the world.

The Design School in the ASU Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts offers the following NAAB-accredited degree program:

- Master of Architecture, two-year track (preprofessional degree + 48 graduate credit hours)
- Master of Architecture, three-year track (non-preprofessional degree + 72 credit hours)

Next accreditation visit: 2023
Accredited since: 1985

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location:** Tempe or Online

Concurrent Program Options

Students can choose to create their own concurrent degree combination to match their interests by working with their academic advisor during or after their first semester of study. Some concurrent combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum; students should speak with their academic advisor for more details.

This degree is also offered as a concurrent program with the following:

W. P. Carey MBA - Full-Time Program

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Degree Requirements

48 credit hours including the required capstone course (ARC 602)

**Required Core (42 credit hours)**

ARC 501 Advanced Architecture Studio I (6)
ARC 502 Advanced Architecture Studio II (6)
ARC 522 Advanced Architecture Technology I (3)
ARC 531 Advanced Architecture History (3)
ARC 532 Architectural Theory I (3)
ARC 541 Advanced Architecture Representation (3)
ARC 601 Advanced Architecture Studio III (6)
ARC 622 Advanced Architecture Technology II (3)
ARC 631 Architectural Theory II (3)
ARC 651 Architecture Research (3)
ARC 662 Architectural Practice (3)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)
ARC 602 Advanced Architectural Studio IV (6)

Additional Curriculum Information
The culminating experience course is a final design studio with a written component, taken under guidance of studio faculty and industry professionals.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or they must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. a portfolio, letter of intent and contact information of two references submitted via SlideRoom (https://asudesign.slideroom.com)
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Admission Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.
Admission Requirements for the Two-Year Pathway:
Applicants must have completed a four-year Bachelor of Science degree with a major in architectural studies or similar preprofessional degree in architecture. The undergraduate degree must be granted by an institution that is recognized by ASU and offers a National Architectural Accreditation Board-accredited degree program in architecture.

Admission Requirements for the Three-Year Pathway:
Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate or graduate degree in any field other than architectural studies.

Deficiency Coursework:
If a student is assigned any deficiency coursework by the academic unit upon admission depending on the undergraduate background, those courses must be completed with a grade of "B" or higher before completing the master's program required coursework.

Tuition Information
When it comes to paying for college, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Attend Online
ASU Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program's ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

Application Deadlines
Fall

Career Opportunities
Graduates of the architecture program often pursue careers as:

- architects
- building information modelling managers
- contractors
- developers
- energy modelers
- facilities managers
- film and media producers
- politicians or public servants
Professional Licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage.

In the United States, most registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure.

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