Architecture, MArch

Do you want to be a part of designing a more sustainable and innovative future? Join our community of faculty, professionals and brilliant students. A degree in architecture can prepare you to become a leader in the future of the building industry and beyond.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MArch Architecture
The MArch degree program is designed for students interested in:

- design and analysis of economically and ecologically sustainable built environments and communities
- design and construction of beautiful new spaces and buildings
- digital design and prototyping of innovative new building systems and technologies
- research and advocacy for new definitions of the expansive public role of architects in professional practice and broader civic dialogue

The Master of Architecture is an accredited professional degree program at ASU. The architecture program has been educating aspiring architects, as well as other professionals involved in the construction of cities and the broader built environment since the 1950s. The program has matured to include undergraduate and graduate degrees with a focus on designing for a sustainable and innovative future.

The curriculum has been designed specifically for students to be able to leverage other majors at ASU. Students can pursue concurrent options such as sustainability, real estate development, construction management, interior design, landscape architecture and many more.

At a Glance
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 applicants 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 current residency.

Admission Requirements to 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 to 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.

Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Application Deadlines
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
- professors

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: https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure.

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