

THE UNIVERSITY OF
MEMPHIS[®]

Department of Architecture

Master of Architecture

Why Graduate School?

Professional Registration

Virtually all states in the USA require a professional degree accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and recognized by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) in order to practice architecture. The professional degree may be the Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degree or the Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) degree.

Reciprocity

While registration with the BFA in Architecture and BSET in Architectural Technology is possible under certain conditions, reciprocity is unlikely. Having a professional M.Arch degree makes obtaining registration outside Tennessee possible.

U of M Master of Architecture

Professional Master of Architecture degree

- Two year professional program of study for persons holding an appropriate pre-professional degree.
- Fully accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).
- Based on the national “4+2” model (four year undergraduate degree plus two year NAAB-accredited graduate degree).
- Requires a minimum of 60 graduate credit hours.

Post-Professional Master of Architecture degree

- One year post-professional program of study for persons already holding a professional degree.
- Generally requires a minimum of 36 graduate credit hours.

Program of Study (typical)

FIRST YEAR (fall) – 15 Credit Hours

ARCH 6231 – Issues in City Building (3)

ARCH 7011 – Advanced Architectural Seminar 1 (3)

ARCH 7211 – Contemporary Architectural Theory (3)

ARCH 7711 – Advanced Architectural Design Studio 1 (6)

FIRST YEAR (spring) – 15 Credit Hours

ARCH 7012 – Advanced Architectural Seminar 2 (3)

ARCH 7222 – Contemporary Architecture 2 (3)

ARCH 7421 – Advanced Environmental Systems (3)

ARCH 7712 – Advanced Architectural Design Studio 2 (6)

Program of Study (typical)

SECOND YEAR (fall) – 15 Credit Hours

ARCH 7013 – Advanced Architectural Seminar 3 (3)

ARCH 7713 – Advanced Architectural Design Studio 3 (6)

ARCH 7930 – Architectural Thesis Research (3)

_____ – Elective (3)

SECOND YEAR (spring) – 15 Credit Hours

ARCH 7431 – Advanced Professional Practice (3)

ARCH 7996 – Architectural Thesis Studio (6)

_____ – Elective (3)

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Program of Study (hypothetical)

FIRST YEAR (fall) – 6 Credit Hours

ARCH 6231 – Issues in City Building (3) - **CBE**

ARCH 7211 – Contemporary Architectural Theory (3)

FIRST YEAR (spring) – 15 Credit Hours

ARCH 7012 – Advanced Architectural Seminar 2 (3)

ARCH 7222 – Contemporary Architecture 2 (3)

ARCH 7421 – Advanced Environmental Systems (3) - **EXP**

ARCH 7712 – Advanced Architectural Design Studio 2 (6)

FIRST YEAR (summer) – 9 Credit Hours

ARCH 7011 – Advanced Architectural Seminar 1 (3)

ARCH 7711 – Advanced Architectural Design Studio 1 (6)

Program of Study (hypothetical)

SECOND YEAR (fall) – 15 Credit Hours

ARCH 7013 – Advanced Architectural Seminar 3 (3) - **EXP**

ARCH 7713 – Advanced Architectural Design Studio 3 (6) - **EXP**

ARCH 7930 – Architectural Thesis Research (3) - **CBE**

ARCH 6421 – Sustainability (Elective) (3) – **EXP** (LEED AP)

SECOND YEAR (spring) – 15 Credit Hours

ARCH 7431 – Advanced Professional Practice (3) - **CBE**

ARCH 7996 – Professional Project Studio (6) - **EXP**

ARCH 7430 – Internship (Elective) (3) - **EXP**

_____ – Elective in Architecture, Planning, Other Area (3)

How Long Does It Take?

Placement

The BFA in Architecture meets the educational pre-requisites. Registration as an architect (or substantial progress towards registration) with the BSET degree also meets the pre-requisites. A personal program of study based on which degree and level of experience will be developed for each person.

The actual time of completion will vary depending on the number of courses taken each semester, how much experiential learning credit can be documented, and how many courses can be taken through credit by exam.

Experiential Learning and Other Credit

Up to 30 of the 60 credit hours required for the M.Arch may be awarded for experiential learning and by credit by exam.

How Is Experiential Credit Earned?

Portfolio

This may include past as well as current work performed in an architecture office. NAAB Student Performance Criteria (SPC) are used to determine if the work in the portfolio meets the SPC for the course for which experiential credit is being sought. Where slight deficiencies exist, additional work may be performed to cover the missing SPC(s).

Professional Examination

This may include the LEED AP and other LEED examinations, the ARE (all or parts), the AICP exam, and others. For example, the LEED exam(s) could be used for a sustainability elective, the AICP for a planning elective, and so forth.

How Much Does it Cost?

In-State Graduate Tuition and Fees

\$566 per Credit Hour

\$ 30 Architecture Fee per Credit Hour

\$596 TOTAL per Credit Hour

Experiential Learning Fee

\$100 One Time Deposit

\$100 per Credit Hour

Credit by Exam Fee

\$ 15 per Credit Hour (\$60 minimum)

How Much Does it Cost?

In-State Graduate Tuition and Fees

\$35,760 (typical)

\$17,880 (hypothetical)

Experiential Learning Fee

\$ 2,200 (hypothetical)

Credit by Exam Fee

\$ 135 (hypothetical) (minimum)

Savings

\$15,545 (hypothetical)

What Application Materials Are Needed?

Application Forms

Application Fees

Transcripts

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Letters of Recommendation

Statement of Intent

Portfolio

Other Materials

Is There Enough Time to Apply and Register for Fall 2015 Classes?

YES!

The application and acceptance process can be expedited for graduates of the University of Memphis.

Several of the required items can be submitted after the start of the semester (letters of recommendation, statement of intent, formal portfolio of work).

The GRE can be waived for persons already registered as an architect.

Questions?

Dreamers. Thinkers. Doers.



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