

MArch I Required Courses

For Students Entering Fall 2016

A candidate will be recommended for the Master in Architecture as a professional degree upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 140 units. MArch I students pursue the following seven semester course of study:

FIRST SEMESTER

- 8 UNITS GSD 1101 First Semester Architecture Core
- 2 UNITS GSD 2121 Visual Studies
- 2 UNITS GSD 2122 Projective Representation in Architecture
- 4 UNITS GSD 4121 Buildings, Texts, and Contexts
- 2 UNITS GSD 6121 Construction Lab
- 2 UNITS GSD 6122 Energy in Architecture

SECOND SEMESTER

- 8 UNITS GSD 1102 Second Semester Core Studio
- 4 UNITS GSD 4122 Buildings, Texts, and Contexts
- 4 UNITS GSD 6227 Structural Design I
- 4 UNITS GSD 6125 Environmental Systems in Architecture

THIRD SEMESTER

- 8 UNITS GSD 1201 Third Semester Core Studio
- 4 UNITS GSD 6123 Construction Systems
- 4 UNITS GSD 4223 Buildings, Texts, and Contexts
- 4 UNITS GSD 6229 Structural Design II

FOURTH SEMESTER

- 8 UNITS GSD 1202 Fourth Semester Core Studio
- 4 UNITS GSD 2224 Digital Media
- 4 UNITS GSD 6230 Cases in Contemporary Construction
- 4 UNITS Distributional or General Electives**

FIFTH SEMESTER

- 8 UNITS Option Studio*
- 4 UNITS GSD 7212 Issues in the Architectural Practice and Ethics
- 8 UNITS Distributional or General Electives***

SIXTH SEMESTER

- 8 UNITS Option Studio**
- 12 UNITS Distributional or General Electives

Note: The department encourages students to take electives that support thesis interests during their sixth semester.

SEVENTH SEMESTER

- 12 UNITS GSD 9301 Independent Design Thesis
- 8 UNITS Distributional or General Electives***

Footnotes

*A minimum of one Option Studio must be taken from those offered by the Department of Architecture.

** Students are required to fulfill the following distributional electives:

8 units of advanced history electives
4 units of global culture and diversity
4 units of professional practice electives

An approved list of distributional electives is posted each term. Please note that some courses may count toward the satisfaction of two distributional electives. For example, an advanced history course may also fulfill a global culture and diversity requirement.

General electives may be fulfilled through any course at the GSD or cross-registered courses at Harvard schools, MIT or the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts.