Master in Architecture I

*For Students Entering in Fall 2017*

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 Term
- 8 units  GSD 1101  First Semester Architecture Core
- 2 units  GSD 2121  (M1) Visual Studies
- 2 units  GSD 2122 (M2) Projective Representation in Architecture
- 4 units  GSD 4121  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts I
- 2 units  GSD 6121  (M1) Environment
- 2 units  GSD 6122  (M2) Systems

### Second Term
- 8 units  GSD 1102  Second Semester Core Studio
- 4 units  GSD 4122  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts II
- 2 units  GSD 6125 (M3) Computation
- 2 units  GSD 6126  (M4) Materials
- 4 units  GSD 6227  Structural Design I

### Third Term
- 8 units  GSD 1201  Third Semester Core Studio
- 4 units  GSD 6123  Construction Systems
- 4 units  GSD 6229  Structural Design II
- 4 units  Digital Media Requirement course** or Distributional or General Electives***

### Fourth Term
- 8 units  GSD 1202  Fourth Semester Core Studio
- 4 units  GSD 4123  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts III
- 4 units  GSD 6230  Cases in Contemporary Construction
- 4 units  Digital Media Requirement course** or Distributional or General Electives***

### Fifth Term
- 8 units  Option Studio*
- 4 units  GSD 7212  Foundations of Practice
- 8 units  Distributional or General Electives***

### Sixth Term
- 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 Term
- 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.
** 4 units of Digital Media Requirement courses must be taken in the third or fourth semester. Offerings may vary by year.
*** 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. Please note that no more than half of elective courses can be fulfilled through non-GSD courses.