

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.