Master in Architecture II

For Students Entering Fall 2017

The program leading to the Master in Architecture as a post-professional degree (MArch II) is intended for individuals who have completed a five-year undergraduate professional program in architecture or its equivalent. The course of study extends the base of knowledge of the professional field through graduate study with particular emphasis on design. Students advance and expand their theoretical and analytical skills by developing a course of study that compensates for weaknesses and enhances areas of strength.

A candidate will be recommended for the Master in Architecture as a post-professional degree upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 80 units. MArch II students pursue the following four semester course of study:

Year 1
First Term
8 units  Option Studio*
4 units  GSD 9601  Proseminar
8 units  Distributional or General Electives**

Second Term
8 units  Option Studio*
12 units  Distributional or General Electives**

Year 2, Track A: OPENStudio Program
Third Term
8 units  OPENStudio Part I
12 units  Distributional or General Electives*

Fourth Term
12(or 8) units OPENStudio, Part II or Option Studio
12(or 8) units Distributional or General Electives*

OR

Year 2, Track B: Thesis
Third Term
8 units  Option Studio*
12 units  Distributional or General Electives**

Fourth Term
12 units  GSD 9301 Independent Design Thesis
8 units  Distributional or General Electives**

OR

Year 2, Track C: Option Studios
Third Term
8 units  Option Studio*
12 units  Distributional or General Electives**

Fourth Term
8 units  Option Studio*
12 units  Distributional or General Electives**

Footnotes:

*A minimum of two option studios taken over the course of a student's program must be offered by the Department of Architecture.
** A minimum of one half of the electives in the student’s curriculum must be from courses offered by the GSD. Students are eligible to fulfill electives through cross-registered courses at Harvard schools, MIT or the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts.

MArch II students are required to fulfill the following distributional electives:

- 4 units of Discourse and Techniques electives
- 4 units of Professional Practice electives
- 4 units of Technologies of Visualization and Fabrication