Master in Architecture I AP

For Students Entering Fall 2018

A candidate who is admitted to the program with advanced standing (MArch I AP) will be recommended for the Master in Architecture as a professional degree upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 100 units. The first semester of the MArch I AP follows a similar course of study and as that of the third semester of the MArch I program and the follows the same sequence for the rest of the semesters.

Note: entering AP students may not be waived out of all first-year courses, so individual schedules may vary.

First Term
8 units  GSD 1201  Third Semester Architecture Core: INTEGRATE
2 units  GSD 6121  (M1) Environmental Systems I
2 units  GSD 6122  (M2) Environmental Systems II
4 units  GSD 6123  Construction Systems
4 units  GSD 6229  Structural Design II

Second Term
8 units  GSD 1202  Fourth Semester Core Studio: PROJECT
4 units  GSD 4223  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts III*
4 units  GSD 6230  Cases in Contemporary Construction
4 units  Digital Media Requirement**** or Distributional or General Electives*****

Third Term
8 units  Option Studio**
4 units  GSD 7212  Foundations of Practice
8 units  Digital Media Requirement*** or Distributional or General Electives*****

Fourth Term
8 units  Option Studio**
4 units  GSD 9203  Thesis Prep Course (or approved alternative)
8 units  Digital Media Requirement*** or Distributional or General Electives****

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

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

Footnotes

*MArch I AP students are recommended to take a Building, Texts, and Contexts (BTC) course in the spring of their second semester; however students may elect to fulfill the BTC requirement in the fall if that better accommodates their academic goals.

**A minimum of one Option Studio taken must be offered through the Department of Architecture.

***A 4-unit Digital Media Requirement course 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 electives
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. For more information, please visit the MArch Distributional Electives page.

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.

*****Students are required to take GSD 9203 in their fourth semester; however, an alternative thesis prep course may be approved by petition to the department.