Master in Architecture I

For Students Entering Fall 2018

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: PROJECT
2 units  GSD 2121  (M1) Visual Studies I
2 units  GSD 2122  (M2) Visual Studies II
4 units  GSD 4121  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts I
2 units  GSD 6121  (M1) Environmental Systems I
2 units  GSD 6122  (M2) Environmental Systems II

Second Term
8 units  GSD 1102  Second Semester Architecture Core: SITUATE
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 Architecture Core: INTEGRATE
4 units  GSD 6123  Construction Systems
4 units  GSD 6229  Structural Design II
4 units  Digital Media Requirement** or Distributional or General Electives***

Fourth Term
8 units  GSD 1202  Fourth Semester Architecture Core: RELATE
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***

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*
8 units  Distributional or General Electives***
4 units  GSD 9203  Thesis Prep Course (or pre-approved alternative)****

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

Footnotes

* A minimum of one Option Studio taken must be offered through 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. 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 sixth semester; however, an alternative thesis prep course may be approved by petition to the department.