**Master in Architecture I**

*For Students Entering Fall 2020*

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 Studio: PROJECT
- 2 units  GSD 2121  (M1) Architectural Representation I
- 2 units  GSD 2122  (M2) Architectural Representation II
- 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 Studio: SITUATE
- 4 units  GSD 4223  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts: Modernism and its Counter-Narratives
- 2 units  GSD 6125  (M3) Building Simulation
- 2 units  GSD 6126  (M4) Materials
- 4 units  GSD 6227  Structural Design I

**Third Term**
- 8 units  GSD 1201  Third Semester Architecture Core Studio: 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 Studio: RELATE
- 4 units  GSD 4121  Buildings, Texts, and Contexts: Modernity’s Antecedents and Alternatives
- 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)****

*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 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
  4 units of global culture and diversity
  4 units of professional practice

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.

****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.
**Master in Architecture I AP**

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 a similar sequence for the rest of the semesters:

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Please note that an entering Advanced Placement student may not be waived out of all first-year courses, so individual schedules may vary.

**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.

*** 4 units of Digital Media Requirement courses must be taken in the second or third semester. Offerings may vary by year.

**** Students are required to fulfill the following distributional electives:

- 8 units of advanced history
- 4 units of global culture and diversity
- 4 units of professional practice

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.

***** 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.

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**Master in Architecture II**
A candidate will be recommended for the Master in Architecture as a professional degree upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 80 units. MArch II students pursue the following 4 semester course of study:

**Year One**
- **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 Two, Track A: 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**
  - or

**Year Two, Track B: Independent Thesis (by application***)
- **Third Term**
  - 8 units Option Studio*
  - 4 units Course to prepare for thesis
  - 12 units Distributional or General Electives**

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

**Footnotes**
* A minimum of 2 option studios taken over the course of a student's program must be offered by the Department of Architecture.
** Students are required to fulfill the following distributional electives:
  - 4 units of Discourse and Techniques
  - 4 units of Professional Practice
  - 4 units of Technologies of Visualization and Fabrication
An approved list of distributional electives is posted each term.
A minimum of one half of the electives in the student's curriculum must be fulfilled by courses offered at the GSD. Students are eligible to fulfill electives through cross-registered courses at other Harvard schools, MIT, or the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts.
***MArch II students may opt to do thesis with prior approval from the department. Approval must be obtained by the end of the first year of studies. (A collaborative group thesis or a continuation of the work of an option studio are permissible with prior approval.)