

Master of Architecture Curriculum

	studio	media+practice	research	history	theory	technology	structures	electives	electives	Credits
Fall 1	604 (6 cr) Architectural Design 1	681 Media 1	650.1 (1 cr) Architectural Research		641 Intro to Arch. Discourse		621 Building Systems Design 1			16
Spring 1	605 (6 cr) Architectural Design 2	682 Media 2	650.2 (1 cr) Architectural Research	631 Studies in Arch. Histories			611 Structures 1			16
Summer 1								500+ Professional Elective		3
Fall 2	606 (6 cr) Architectural Design 3		650.3 (1 cr) Architectural Research	639 Architectural History Principles		622 Building Systems Design 2	612 Structures 2			16
Spring 2	608 (6 cr) Architectural Design (Visiting)		650.4 (1 cr) Architectural Research		642 Theory & Design Research	623 Advanced Building Systems		500+ Technology Elective		16
Summer 2 NYC/ Three Cities	609 (6 cr) Architectural Design (Visiting)							500+ Professional Elective	500+ Professional Elective	12
Fall 3	607 (6 cr) Architectural Design 4	585 Professional Practice	650.5 (1 cr) Architectural Research	500+ History Elective					500+ Open Elective	16
Spring 3	998 (6 cr) Thesis (Directed Research)			500+ History Elective				500+ Professional Elective	500+ Open Elective	15
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The Master of Architecture professional degree is a 110 credit hour program that comprises coursework in the following categories:

- 42 credit hours of design
- 9 credit hours of media + professional practice
- 15 credit hours of technology
- 12 credit hours of history
- 18 credit hours of electives
- 6 credit hours of theory
- 5 credit hours of research
- 6 credit hours of structures

Completion of the degree typically requires seven semesters: three academic years with 15 or 16 credits each term and one 12-credit summer. This curriculum is shown to the left.

For students who wish to serve as Teaching Assistants or study off campus during the academic year in our Florence, London or New York City programs, the program will require one additional fall term.

Some courses or their placement in the curriculum shown will change for these students as well as for students who attend the English Language Institute.

Master of Architecture with Advanced Standing

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Spring 1	608 (6 cr) Architectural Design (Visiting)	682 Media 2	650.2 (1 cr) Architectural Research	631 Studies in Arch. Histories			611 Structures 1			16
Summer 1 NYC/ Three Cities	609 (6 cr) Architectural Design (Visiting)							500+ Professional Elective	500+ Professional Elective	12
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Summer 2										
Fall 3										
Spring 3										

Advanced Standing is a designation in the M.Arch. degree which awards students 34 credits toward the completion of their degree. This determination is based on a clear demonstration that the applicant has completed coursework and/or undertaken professional work that repeats work covered in select M.Arch. courses and meets minimum academic and creative standards. Students who are admitted with advanced standing will not need to enroll in the following courses to complete their degree: ARC 604, Architectural Design I, ARC 605, Architectural Design II, ARC 681, Media I, ARC 650, section 3, Architectural Research, 4 professional (School of Architecture) elective courses, and 2 open (Syracuse University) elective courses.

The advanced standing curriculum offers most students the opportunity to complete the degree in as few as two academic years (including the intervening summer), although many students prefer to complete the degree in two and a half or three years in order to serve as Teaching Assistants or attend our off-campus programs in Florence, London, and New York City during the academic year. As well, students who attend the English Language Institute require two and a half or three years to complete the program.

The two-year advanced standing curriculum overview is shown to the left.

Master of Architecture with 12 Credit Reduction

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Some applicants who have completed academic and/or professional work in architecture are awarded 12 elective credits toward the completion of their degree instead of being admitted into the advanced standing curriculum. This determination is based on a demonstration that the applicant has completed coursework and/or undertaken professional work that meets the requirements of our professional and open elective coursework but not our introductory studio and media courses.

Students admitted with 12 elective credits will not need to enroll in the following courses to complete their degree:

- 2 professional (School of Architecture) elective courses
- 2 open (Syracuse University) elective courses

Students admitted into this curriculum path will require three years to complete the degree, although many students prefer to complete the degree in three and a half years to accommodate additional academic opportunities. This includes those who wish to be eligible for our prestigious Design Studio Teaching Assistantships and students who wish to attend our off-campus programs in Florence, London, and New York City during the academic year.

The three-year curriculum overview for students who have been awarded elective credit is shown to the left.

Master of Architecture Equivalency Credit Exams

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All enrolled students in the M.Arch. program are eligible to sit for equivalency exams in the areas of Architectural History, Building Technology, and Structures. The intent of the exams is to evaluate whether prior coursework and/or professional experience is equivalent to material covered in these core courses.

The School of Architecture administers these exams during the orientation week prior to the first week of classes. Students who receive a grade of B or better on these exams will receive equivalency credits in these subject areas that will be applied to the total number of credits required to graduate. Courses for which students can earn equivalency credit are marked in the curriculum overview to the left.

Students entering without advanced standing, including those who have been given a 12 credit award, are able to receive up to 15 credits toward their degree through these exams.

Students entering with advanced standing may not reduce the number of credits required to graduate below 76 and instead use equivalency credit to waive specific courses and substitute elective courses in their place.

More information will be available during orientation week.