ARCHITECTURE: TRACK 3, MARCH

Master of Architecture in Architecture, Track 3 Concentration

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Professional Master of Architecture Degree - Limited Standing

The variable-length professional degree program has been designed for applicants who have a bachelor’s degree in any field other than architecture. Emphasis is placed on the development of sufficient background in introductory architectural studies so that the applicants may successfully complete the equivalent of the two-year graduate program described above.

Applicants accepted into this program will initially be admitted with limited status. Full status may be attained by completion of introductory architectural studies. Once full status is attained, a minimum of 54 hours of graduate work is required for completion.

The time necessary to complete the program will depend on the nature of undergraduate coursework completed by the applicant.

Candidates attaining full standing may complete the program in two years of full-time academic study.

The School of Architecture, together with the graduate programs of computer science, urban and regional planning, and civil and environmental engineering, offers graduate programs leading to the following joint degrees: Master of Architecture and Master of Computer Science, Master of Architecture and Master of Urban Planning, and Master of Architecture and Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering (Construction Engineering and Management) (Structures).

Admission

The admission grade point average for full standing in the Graduate College and the school must be at least 3.0 (A = 4.0). For applicants who meet the other requirements but have an admission GPA under 3.0, admission with limited standing may be permitted if evidence of exceptional qualification is presented.

Applicants are selected for admission on the basis of undergraduate academic performance and profession-related experience. Application material is evaluated by faculty members. The faculty’s recommendations are based upon an appraisal of the admission grade point average determined from official transcripts, a portfolio or brochure of applicant’s past work in architecture, a statement of objectives, three letters of recommendation, and relevant professional work experience.

Application forms for graduate admission and financial aid may be obtained from the Web site above. Application may be made on-line. Completed applications for the Masters or Doctoral programs must reach the Graduate Programs Office by January 15; students are admitted in the fall semester only. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required for School of Architecture Masters Degree applicants; the GRE is required for all Doctor of Philosophy applicants.

All applicants whose native language is not English must submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores. A minimum score of 590 on the paper-based test or 243 on the computer-based test or 96 on the internet-based test is required. The University of Illinois also accepts IELTS (academic exam) score in lieu of TOEFL, with a minimum score of 6.5 and 6.5 in all sub-sections required.

Financial Aid

Financial aid for graduate students in architecture is available in the form of fellowships and assistantships (teaching, research, and graduate or resource). Qualified candidates are considered for financial support upon application and in subsequent years of study.

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For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s program page (http://www.arch.illinois.edu/degrees/master-architecture) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

This degree program can be completed with or without a thesis, the requirements are listed below:

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**Thesis Option Total Hours:** 54

**Non-Thesis Option**

- One course in architectural practice
- One core elective each from a select list of courses in architectural thought
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**Other Requirements**

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<td>Candidates must spend at least four semesters and earn at least half of the required graduate hours in residence.</td>
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