Graduate Degree Programs

The School of Architecture offers two graduate programs, leading to a Masters degree:

1. a two-year Master of Architecture (Professional Degree) and
2. a one-year Master of Science in Architectural Studies (Post-professional Degree).

The Master of Architecture program is for students holding a four-year Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies (or similar degree in architecture). One may be admitted to the Master of Architecture program with Limited Standing if the student holds a bachelor's degree (or higher) in any field other than architecture. Student in M. Arch (Limited Standing) typically take two years to complete undergraduate prerequisite courses to attain full standing in the M. Arch program. The Master of Architecture degree is a professional degree accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB).

The Master of Science in Architectural Studies (Post-professional Degree) program is for students holding a five-year Bachelor of Architecture professional degree. The MSAS degree is not accredited by NAAB.

The School of Architecture, together with the graduate programs of business administration, 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 Business Administration, 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).

The School of Architecture, together with the Department of Landscape Architecture, offers a graduate program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

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.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

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.

• Master of Architecture (Professional Degree) (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate-majors/architecture/marc-pro-degree)
• Master of Architecture (Limited Standing) (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate-majors/architecture/marc-limit-stand)
• Master of Science in Architectural Studies (Post-professional Degree) (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate-majors/architecture/ms-arc-studies-post-pro)

Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture

This program offers advanced, rigorous education for those students whose goal is the advancement of the intellectual base of the
discipline through a career of research and scholarship. Three areas of concentration are offered: history and theory, environment and technology, and behavioral and cultural factors in design. The program is administered jointly with the Department of Landscape Architecture.

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**Other Requirements**

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

**Master of Architecture and Master of Science in Architectural Studies**

The School of Architecture offers a joint Master of Architecture (M.Arch.)/Master of Science in Architectural Studies (MS in AS) degree program for students interested in pursuing both an M.Arch. degree as well as one of the concentrations offered through the MS in AS degree program. Completion of in-depth programs (e.g. Structures) will result in recording of the Concentration on the student’s transcript under the MS in AS degree. Per Graduate College guidelines, students in a joint degree program are permitted to count up to 12 hours of course work from one discipline as electives toward the second degree.

Students interested in participating in the joint M.Arch./MS in AS degree program must be admitted to and meet all requirements of each degree program and complete a minimum of 82 credit hours of graduate work. Students with no undergraduate degrees in architecture and participating in the four-year M.Arch. degree program may petition to enter the joint M.Arch./MS in AS degree program upon completion of their required undergraduate courses.

The M.Arch. degree is a professional degree accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAP), but the MS in AS degree is not accredited.

**Master of Architecture and Master of Urban Planning**

This joint master's degree program offers an opportunity to obtain an education for a career that combines the disciplines of architecture and urban planning. For entry into this program, applicants must satisfy the admission requirements of each academic unit. Application for admission may be made either simultaneously to both units or in sequence.

Candidates entering the program with a four-year baccalaureate in architectural studies must complete at least 86 hours of graduate work (54 in Architecture and 32 in Urban Planning) and, if admitted with full status, may complete the program in six semesters and one summer session. Candidates entering the program with a five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree must complete at least 64 hours of graduate work (32 in Architecture and 32 in Urban Planning) and, if admitted with full status, may complete the program in four semesters and a summer session.

**Master of Architecture and Master of Business Administration**

This joint master's degree program prepares graduate degree candidates for the broad range of management activity now developing in architectural practice.

For entry into this program, applicants must satisfy the admission and performance requirements of each academic unit. Application for admission may be made simultaneously to both units or admission to one unit may be sought after gaining entry to the other.

Candidates entering the Master of Architecture/Master of Business Administration joint degree program with a four-year baccalaureate in architectural studies must complete 110 hours of graduate work, 50 hours in Architecture and 60 hours for the M.B.A.

**Master of Architecture and Master of Computer Science**

This joint master's degree program prepares graduate degree candidates for the broad range of management activity now developing in architectural practice.

For entry into this program, applicants must satisfy the admission and performance requirements of each academic unit. Application for admission may be made simultaneously to both units or admission to one unit may be sought after gaining entry to the other.

The combination of Master of Architecture and Master of Computer Science degrees requires 74 graduate hours if no prerequisites are needed in computer science. Candidates entering either of these programs with a five-year bachelor of architecture degree must complete at least 64 hours of graduate work and, if admitted with full status, may complete the program in four semesters.
Master of Architecture and Master of Science in Civil Engineering (Construction Management) or (Structures)

This joint degree program offers qualified applicants the opportunity to develop competence in a career that combines the disciplines of architecture and civil engineering (construction management) or (structures). For entry into these programs, applicants must satisfy the admission and performance requirements of each academic unit. Application for admission should be made to the School of Architecture. Admission to the other unit may be sought after the first semester of graduate study in architecture.

Candidates entering the program with a four-year baccalaureate in architectural studies must complete at least 78 (32 in Civil Engineering and 46 in Architecture) hours of graduate work and, if admitted with full status, may complete the program in five semesters. Candidates entering the program with a five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree must complete 64 hours of graduate work and, if admitted with full status, may complete the program in four semesters.

- Structures Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/architecture/conc-structures-ms-arch-sci)
- Medieval Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/medieval-studies/#concentrationtext)