

# ARCHITECTURE: 2 YEAR PROGRAM, MARCH

*for the Master of Architecture in Architecture, 2 Year Program Concentration*

## 2-year Professional Master of Architecture Degree

The two-year professional degree program is intended for students entering with a four-year baccalaureate in architectural studies. The program builds on the undergraduate foundations to develop the knowledge and skills required in today's Architecture profession. Students have the flexibility to pursue individual interests within this 2-year course of study with 16 elective hours of coursework and a variety of thematic studio options each semester. Students may elect to focus in any one of several areas aligned with research-oriented program areas, course offerings and faculty interest. The Master of Architecture degree is a professional degree accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) and has a STEM designation.

Candidates admitted with full status to the two-year professional degree program must complete at least 62 hours of graduate work. Candidates admitted with full status 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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A list of programs and additional requirements can be found on the program's website (<https://arch.illinois.edu/degrees/master-architecture-2/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Code	Title	Hours
ARCH 501	Architectural Practice	3
ARCH 517	Modern Architectural History, 1850-Present	3
ARCH 536	Planning and Design of Structural Systems	4
ARCH 537	Environmental Control Systems II	4
ARCH 538	Integrative Design of Buildings	4
Three graduate design studios		18
ARCH 577	Theories of Architecture	4
ARCH 575	Integrative Architecture Design Studio	6
Electives (Architecture graduate seminars and other approved courses)		16
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>62</b>

## Other Requirements (may overlap)

Requirement	Description
Candidates must spend at least four semesters and earn at least half of the required graduate hours in residence	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required	12
Overall:	
Minimum GPA:	2.75
Must earn a letter grade of C or better in all core courses.	

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## School of Architecture

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**College of Fine & Applied Arts**

College website (<http://faa.illinois.edu>)

**Admissions**

Overview of Grad College Admissions & Requirements (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)