



We must play to where the puck will be... we aspire to cultivate architects fit for the challenges of our time and those of tomorrow, ready to inspire and deliver environmental and social justice through collaboration and performance-driven design.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of Architecture, Planning
& Landscape Architecture

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

CAPLA's Master of Architecture is an NAAB-accredited, professional STEM degree devoted to the education of architects ready for the challenges of our time.

The Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degree program offers two entry points. Students with non-architecture undergraduate degrees enter the full three-year (3+) program beginning with the summer program. Students with a BS or BA in architectural studies typically enter the program with advanced standing and complete it in two years.

The M.Arch program is conceived about four tenets: 1. the CRITICAL PRACTICE of architecture requires negotiating the social and environmental conditions of the world and aspires for positive impact. 2. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN DESIGN is formulating DESIGN as a HYPOTHESIS in both qualitative and quantitative realms, to be verified or refuted 3. COLLABORATION is the construction of consensus through individual contributions and opens the door to the WISDOM of CROWDS 4. the architects of today and tomorrow need to be RESEARCHERS, able to conduct archival and empirical research for, of and through architectural design... get closer.

In the M.Arch, you'll learn and experience:

- Architectural design for diverse people, programs, and places
- Architectural technologies: environmental systems, construction methods and materials, and structures
- Architectural history and theory
- Digital and analog techniques for design representation, fabrication and design + technical exploration
- Contemporary and emerging best professional practices
- Performance-driven design methodologies
- Collaboration + community engagement

CAREER OUTLOOK

Demand for trained architects is high and growing in Arizona and around the world. M.Arch graduates can expect to work in:

- Professional architectural practice
- Construction
- Consulting
- Sustainability
- Preservation
- Computer gaming
- Film and video modeling and production
- Digital fabrication and manufacturing
- Civic advocacy
- Other sectors of the building and construction industry

Graduates who go into practice will have a wide range of opportunities—from commercial to residential, industrial to civic, new design to adaptive reuse, all to create the living, work and recreation environments of the future.

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MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE CURRICULUM



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UNITS COURSE #

SUMMER 1

Design Studio I: Architect's Mind
Design Communication I: Architect's Hand

FALL 1

Design Studio II: Poetics
Architectural Technology I: Introduction
History and Theory I: Ancient + Medieval
Design Communication II

SPRING 1

Design Studio III: Ethics I Material + Land
Professional Practice I: Pre-Design
Architectural Technology II: Materials + Methods
History and Theory II: 1350 to early 20th century

ADVANCED STANDING ENTRY

FALL 2

Design Studio IV: Urban
Architectural Technology III: Structures
History and Theory III: Modern and Contemporary Architecture
Design Communication III

SPRING 2

Design Studio V: Community I Indigenous Design Studio
Architectural Technology IV: Environmental Systems + Wellbeing
Professional Practice II: Contract Documents
Milestone OR History and Theory IV: Advanced Technical Elective

FALL 3

Design Studio VI: Civic
Master's Project Prep: Collaborative Pre-Design Research Course
Graduate-Level Elective
Graduate-Level Elective

SPRING 3

Master's Project: Collaborative Performance-Driven Design Studio
Professional Practice III: Ethics and Practice
Architectural Technology V: Advanced Technical Elective
Graduate-Level Elective

PROGRAM NOTES

62 units are required for program completion for those admitted with Advanced Standing. For those admitted with non-architecture undergraduate degrees an additional 39 units are required.

The Master's Project

This does not require a written thesis. Students interested in a completing a written thesis may want to consider the dual Master of Architecture/ Master of Science in Architecture degree.



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