ARCHITECTURE - M.ARCH

College of Architecture and Environmental Design
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Description
The Master of Architecture degree in Architecture seeks to prepare graduates to enter the profession of architecture by stimulating the growth of technical knowledge and design creativity. The program fosters the refinement of design skills acquired in undergraduate programs. Master coursework affords opportunities for inquiry in architecture through the introduction of traditional scholarly research methods as well as approaches to research through design. Professional practice course offerings provide a comprehensive exposure to professional issues and a broad capacity for considering the practice of architecture in innovative ways.

The option to study abroad in Europe is available within the Master of Architecture degree. Students may also pursue a dual degree program with the Master of Business Administration or the Master of Urban Design degree.

FULLY OFFERED AT:
• Kent Campus

Accreditation
National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.

Admission Requirements
• Official transcript(s)
• Pre-professional degree in architecture (e.g., B.A. or B.Arch. degree)\(^1\)
• GRE scores (or GMAT scores for the dual degree with the M.B.A.)
• Goal statement (include intent and background information)
• Three letters of recommendation, with one letter from a non-academic source
• Portfolio with design work clearly indicating role in group projects
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following (spring 2018):
  • Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 77 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  • Minimum 58 PTE score>

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

1 Applicant must have undergraduate coursework equivalent to Kent State’s B.S. degree in Architecture. Conditional admission may be granted with specific additional coursework, such as ARCH 40102, currently offered in the fourth year of the B.S. degree in Architecture.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Develop an awareness of and sensitivity to international cultures.
2. Understand different cultural perspectives, values, customs and traditions.
3. Understand the following professional practices: real estate and development, contract and planning law, leadership and ethics, office and finance management.
4. Understand western traditions.
5. Understand the principles of building programming, including assessment of user needs, review of precedents, an inventory of space requirements, site analysis and review of the relevant laws and standards.
6. Increase level of intellectual discourse about architecture.
7. Understand design principles and theories of urban design.
8. Develop an ability to compare and contrast the perspectives, values, customs and traditions of student’s own culture from those held by other cultures.
9. Develop and enhance student’s research skills.
10. Develop and enhance student’s writing skills.
11. Develop management and leadership skills; verbal and graphic communication skills; collaborative learning, research and work experiences.
12. Understand design and systems integration through a thesis or capstone experience through an array of professional practice and “field” related coursework.
13. Develop and enhance problem solving and reasoning skills; an ability to critically analyze information and fundamental design skills. Understand the complexities of environmental design including both technical and theoretical components.
14. Understand site.
15. Understand the responsibility of the architect to elicit, understand and resolve the needs of the client.
16. Demonstrate the ability to think critically and to gather, record and apply relevant information.
17. Develop an awareness of diverse cultures, ideals and beliefs.
18. Demonstrate enhanced verbal, graphic and writing skills.

Program Requirements
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1 These credits may be taken from the offerings in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design offerings, or from other Kent State college, school or department or from at the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.