ARCHITECTURE - M.Arch

College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Center for Architecture and Environmental Design
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Description

The Master of Architecture degree 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 degree or with the Master of Urban Design degree.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Accreditation

The M.ARC degree in Architecture is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.00 GPA on a 4.000 point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores (or GMAT scores for the dual degree with the M.B.A.)
- Goal statement (include intent and background information)
- Portfolio, with design work clearly indicating role in group projects
- Three letters of recommendation, with one letter from a non-academic source
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (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.

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.
14. Understand the complexities of environmental design including both technical and theoretical components.
15. Understand site.
16. Understand the responsibility of the architect to elicit, understand and resolve the needs of the client.
17. Demonstrate the ability to think critically and to gather, record and apply relevant information.
18. Develop an awareness of diverse cultures, ideals and beliefs.
19. Demonstrate enhanced verbal, graphic and writing skills.
Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 44

1 Elective credits may be taken from the offerings in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, or from other Kent State colleges, schools or departments or from the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

Dual Degree with M.B.A. degree in Business Administration

Students have the opportunity to complete a dual degree program with the M.Arch. degree in Architecture and the M.B.A. degree in Business Administration. A separate application must be submitted for each program. Students can view admission requirements for each program on their respective catalog page.

The dual degree combining a Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) with a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) is designed for architects or undergraduate architectural students who aspire to middle or executive management positions in architectural practices, or who are interested in starting their own business along with the preparation to enter the profession of architecture by stimulating the growth of technical knowledge and design creativity. It fosters the refinement of design skills acquired in undergraduate programs, also by offering a broad exposure to professional issues and knowledge.

Dual Degree Requirements

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1 Topics in Professional Practice.

- Actual offerings and schedules vary from year to year and College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED) and College of Business Administration (COBA) will jointly provide a pre-approved recommended course of study. Students who wish to take a different course of study need to obtain separate approvals from CAED and COBA graduate coordinators. Contact the CAED graduate secretary for details on coursework registration.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum of 64 credit hours, 35 from the M.Arch. program and 29 from the M.B.A. program.

Dual Degree with M.U.D. degree in Urban Design

Students have the opportunity to complete a dual degree program with the M.U.D. degree in Urban Design and the M.Arch. degree in Architecture. A separate application must be submitted for each program. Students can view admission requirements for each program on their respective catalog page.

Graduate students interested in an advanced preparation in Architecture with a specialization in Urban Design may apply for admission to the M.Arch. Professional & M.U.D. Dual Degree Program. The program also prepares students to enter the profession of architecture by stimulating the growth of technical knowledge and design creativity. It fosters the refinement of design skills acquired in undergraduate programs and
offers a broad exposure to professional issues and knowledge related to urban design.

**Dual Degree Requirements**

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 70

^1 ST course in Professional Practice

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