



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Curriculum:

Post Professional Master of Science in Architecture degree candidates must complete at least 30 credits to be awarded a degree. Typically students complete the degree requirements within three semesters of the initiation of the program. Additionally, internships with local firms and public agencies provide practical exposure for students enrolled in this program. Applicants are also considered for teaching assistantships and graduate assistantships.

SEMESTER 1

ARCH	700	Advanced Urban Design Studio	6
ARCH	xxx	Elective (ARCH 654 or 655 recommended)	3
XXXX	xxx	Elective	3
<i>Semester Credit Hour Total</i>			12

SEMESTER 2

ARCH	797	Thesis Proseminar	3
XXXX	xxx	Elective (ARCH 654 or 655 recommended)	3
XXXX	xxx	Elective	3
<i>Semester Credit Hour Total</i>			9

SEMESTER 3

ARCH	799	Thesis Research	6
ARCH	798	Thesis	3
<i>Semester Credit Hour Total</i>			9

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE DEGREE 30

The Master of Science in Architecture degree is a post-professional degree, it is not an accredited professional degree. Only applicants who already possess an accredited professional degree will be considered for admission. Applicants who have prior professional experience may receive preferential consideration for admission.

ACCREDITATION

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted a 6-year, 3-year, or 2-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Master's degree programs may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

For more information about accreditation visit the NAAB web site at www.naab.org. The University of Maryland's most recent accreditation visit took place in March 2005. At its July 2005 meeting, the NAAB board reviewed the Visiting Team Report for the University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, and granted a full six-year term of accreditation. The program is scheduled for its next accreditation visit in 2011.