Applicants to the seven-semester Master of Architecture degree track come from diverse educational backgrounds and from many locations worldwide. They often bring with them valuable insights based on their wide-ranging life and educational experiences. The admissions committee evaluates each candidate based on a portfolio of creative work (free-hand drawing, painting, sculpture and/or other examples of proficiency in the visual arts), transcripts, letters of recommendation, personal statement and Graduate Record Examination performance.

The Master of Architecture curriculum is designed specifically for applicants who have had little or no coursework in architecture during their undergraduate educational experience.

### YEAR 1

#### SEMESTER 1
- ARCH 404 Graduate Architectural Design Studio I 6
- ARCH 410 Technology I 4
- ARCH 443 Visual Communication 3
- ARCH 426 Fundamentals of Architecture 3

**Semester Total** 16

#### SEMESTER 2
- ARCH 405 Graduate Architectural Design Studio II 6
- ARCH 411 Technology II 4
- ARCH 445 Visual Analysis 3
- ARCH 427 Theories of Architecture 3

**Semester Total** 16

*Recommended study abroad and/or internship*

### YEAR 2

#### SEMESTER 3
- ARCH 406 Graduate Architectural Design Studio III 6
- ARCH 412 Technology III 4
- ARCH 654 Urban Development and Design Theory 3
- ARCH xxx Architectural History Elective 3

**Semester Total** 16

#### SEMESTER 4
- ARCH 407 Graduate Architectural Design Studio IV 6
- ARCH 413 Technology IV 4
- ARCH 460 Site Analysis and Design 3
- ARCH 635 History of Modern Architecture 3

**Semester Total** 16

*Review of Provisional Graduate Status after Semester 4*

*Recommended study abroad and/or internship*

*Recommended BIM Skills Course*

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YEAR 3

SEMESTER 5
ARCH 600 Comprehensive Design Studio 6
ARCH 611 Advanced Technology 3
ARCH xxx Architectural Seminar 3
ARCH xxx Architectural Elective 3

Semester Total 15

SEMESTER 6
ARCH 601 Topical Design Studio 6
ARCH 797 Thesis Proseminar 3
ARCH xxx Architecture Seminar 3
ARCH xxx Architecture Elective 3

Semester Total 15

Recommended study abroad and/or internship

YEAR 3.5

SEMESTER 7
ARCH 799 Thesis Research 6
ARCH 798 Thesis 3
ARCH 770 Professional Practice 3
XXXX xxx Elective 3

Semester Total 15

Total Credit Hours in the Master of Architecture Degree 109

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:
A complete listing of course descriptions offered by the Architecture Program can be found at:
http://arch.umd.edu/arch/courses

PREREQUISITES:
Applicants should be prepared to show evidence of prior creative activity in the visual arts (eg., drawing, painting, and/or sculpture) in a portfolio submitted by the admissions deadline. Admitted applicants must show evidence of successful completion (B / 3.0 or higher) of a college-level Calculus class (equivalent to the University of Maryland course MATH 220), a laboratory physics course (equivalent to the University of Maryland courses PHYS 121 or PHYS 161) prior to matriculation in the M ARCH program, and a college-level course in freehand drawing.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN MAJOR POLICY:
The 3.0 GPA in major policy requires all graduate students matriculating in Fall 2012 to earn a 3.0 grade point average in their major, minor, and/or certificate requirements. With the new plus/minus policy, the minimum grade for most major courses is a B-, now calculated as a 2.7. It is important that graduate students clearly understand what courses make up major, minor and certificate requirements, and that the cumulative GPA for those courses must be at least 3.0.

RECOMMENDED INTERNSHIPS:
At various points in a student’s education practical experience gained through internship complements and provides insight into formal education. The Program provides an annual Career Fair that enables students gain contacts with major firms in the Washington-Baltimore area as well as firms with numerous locations nationally and internationally. Many students arrange internships over the summer and/or winter recess. While the Program does not provide academic credit for work in a professional context, the experiences gained therein are invaluable to a student’s development.
RECOMMENDED STUDY ABROAD:
The Architecture Program offers several intensive study abroad programs during the winter term and over the summer session. The programs are generally three or six weeks in duration and are lead by faculty members who have proven expertise in locales in which the programs are located. Past programs have taken students to France, India, Italy, North Africa, Peru, Russia, Turkey, South Africa, and the Yucatan. Students study the historical and contemporary architecture, urbanism, and cultures of the nations visited.

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.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture 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.

The University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

M.Arch (pre-professional degree + 60 graduate credits)
M.Arch (non-pre-professional degree + 109 credits)

Next accreditation visit for both programs: 2017

Current information about the University of Maryland’s Accreditation Status can be found at: http://arch.umd.edu/arch/naab-accreditation

Additional information about NAAB can be found at: www.naab.org