Program Description

Degree Awarded: MArch Architecture

The MArch is an accredited professional degree program at ASU. There are two programs of study available. The 2-year program is for applicants who have completed the 4-year BSD in architectural studies at ASU or an equivalent degree from another school that offers an accredited professional degree in architecture. The 3-plus-year program for applicants with an undergraduate degree in a discipline or field other than architecture.

Both programs promote broad areas of knowledge, professional skill and a social awareness that the architect must command if architecture is to enhance contemporary life and remain an enduring and valid expression of society.

At a Glance

• College/School: Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
• Location: Tempe campus

Concurrent Program Options

This degree is also offered as concurrent degree program with:

W. P. Carey MBA - Full-Time Program

Degree Requirements

56 credit hours including the required capstone course (ADE 593 or ADE 622), or 78 credit hours including the required capstone course (ADE 593 or ADE 622)

Required Core (30 credit hours)
ADE 521 Advanced Architectural Studio I (5)
ADE 522 Advanced Architectural Studio II (5)
ADE 621 Advanced Architectural Studio III (5)
APH 505 Foundation Theory Seminar (3)
APH 515 Current Issues and Topics (3)
ATE 553 Architectural Technology IV (3)
ATE 556 Architectural Technology V (3)
ATE 563 Architectural Technology VI (3)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Other Requirements (12 credit hours)
ARP 584 Internship (1)
ARP 584 Internship (2)
ATE 598 Topic: Green Building Practices (3)
DSC 598 Topic: Principles of Collaboration in Design (3)
DSC 598 Topic: Practice Management (3)

Culminating Experience (5 credit hours)
ADE 593 Applied Project (5) or
ADE 622 Advanced Architectural Studio IV (5)

Additional Curriculum Information
For electives, students should see the academic unit for an approved design professional elective list.

For the other requirement coursework, other courses not listed may be used with approval of the academic unit.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:
1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. a portfolio, letter of intent and contact information of three references submitted via SlideRoom (https://asudesign.slideroom.com)
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. The minimum score for admission to the program is 80 (internet-based) or 550 (paper-based) on the TOEFL or an overall band score of 6.5 on the IELTS. Other information can be found at https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency.

The portfolio, letter of intent and references are required by the Design School in addition to the Graduate College application requirements.

Applicants are encouraged to report GRE scores, especially if the applicant's background is broad or other than a traditional design major, but it is not required.

A personal interview is not required; however, a candidate wishing to visit the school is welcome and should make arrangements by contacting the department.

Admission to the program is selective. Admission cannot be deferred; students must enroll in the semester for which they are admitted, otherwise they will need to go through the entire application process again for the year in which they are applying.

Applicants may be admitted to the program with deficiencies if their previous coursework is not equivalent to the ASU undergraduate requirements and standards. If a student is assigned any deficiency coursework by the academic unit upon admission, those courses must be completed with a grade of "B" (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher before completing the graduate program's required coursework. For a Master of Architecture student assigned deficiencies, there are two pathways: the 3-year plus pathway with up to 42 credit hours which begins in the summer, and the the 2-year plus pathway with up to 15 credit hours which begins in the spring. Deficiency courses may include:

ADE 510 Foundation Architectural Studio
ADE 511 Core Architectural Studio I
ADE 512 Core Architectural Studio II
ALA 235 Introduction to Computer Modeling
APH 313 History of Architecture I
APH 314 History of Architecture II
APH 509 Foundation Seminar
ATE 361 Architectural Technology I
ATE 362 Architectural Technology II
ATE 452 Architectural Technology III
Admission requirements to the 2-year pathway: applicants must have completed a 4-year Bachelor of Science degree with a major in architectural studies or a similar preprofessional degree in architecture. The undergraduate degree must be granted by an institution that is recognized by ASU and offers a National Architectural Accreditation Board-accredited degree program in architecture.

Admission requirements to the 3-year plus pathway: applicants must have earned a minimum of a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in a field other than architectural studies.

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