

Master of Architecture in High Performance Building

The Department of Architecture offers a one-year post-professional Master of Architecture with a concentrated course of study in high-performance building design. The program is structured around a self-directed research project and includes required and elective primarily from offerings in building science and design computing. The course of study commences with a faculty-led colloquium, Topics in High Performance Buildings, in which students explore and refine their focus, and concludes with an individual or team thesis. The program requires at least 46 credits and can be completed in three quarters (nine months).

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates holding an accredited architectural degree, such as a five-year BArch or M Arch, may apply for post-professional study leading to the Master of Architecture Degree in High Performance Building.

This program is not accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB). Candidates holding a four-year architecture degree (particularly those awarded outside the U.S.) who intend to seek a license to practice architecture in the U.S., should apply for the 2+year M Arch degree. Candidates holding an accredited architecture degree, or a degree in an allied design discipline, who wish to pursue advanced study in design computing (both research and applications) or the history and theory of architecture, should apply to the Master of Science (MS) in Architecture degree program, rather than the M Arch in High Performance Building .

M ARCH ADMISSIONS

The deadline for admission into all M Arch programs is January 15 for admittance the following academic year. All new M Arch students begin fall quarter. In evaluating applicants, the committee considers the following materials:

ONLINE SUBMISSION

Candidates apply to the M Arch program using the Application for Graduate Study at UW available at: www.grad.uw.edu/applForAdmiss/. The following application materials are uploaded with this application:

- M Arch Application: the Application for Graduate Study provides a link to the M Arch PDF application form
- Transcripts: applicants supply scans of official transcripts from each prior degree-awarding school
- Letters of recommendation: recommenders must submit letters online by the application deadline; three are required, a fourth is acceptable
- Statement of Purpose: may be one page only
- GRE test scores: official scores must be reported by the application deadline using the UW Institution Code: 4854
- TOEFL or IELTS scores (for international students): official scores must be reported by the application deadline using the UW Institution Code: 4854; minimum test scores for admission to the M Arch: 92 TOEFLiBT or 7.0 IELTS
- \$85 application fee

HARDCOPY SUBMISSION

Hardcopy materials must be mailed to the Department of Architecture by January 15.

- Portfolio: 20 pages (10 sheets double sided), in a format no larger than 1.5 x 10.5 x 11.5 inches
- Hardcopy of the completed Application for Graduate Study: applicants can print a copy after the application is completed and the fee is paid

Applicants will be notified of admission decisions by email and mail no later than April 15.

Master of Architecture in High Performance Building curriculum

YEAR 1	AUTUMN		WINTER		SPRING	
	ARCH 503		ARCH 595/599		ARCH 700	
	Arch Design Studio IV (Comprehensive)	(6)	Thesis Research Prep	(4)	Master's Thesis	(9)
	ARCH 530		ARCH 533		Building Technology Selective	
	Integrated Building Systems	(3)	Advanced Environmental Systems	(3)		(3)
	ARCH 526		Building Technology Selective		Elective	
	Topics in High Performance Buildings	(3)		(3)		(3)
	Elective		Design Studio Option (or two electives)			
		(3)		(6)		
		15 CREDITS		16 CREDITS		15 CREDITS