The Master of Science in Architecture degree is an advanced, multidisciplinary, 32-credit hour thesis degree program designed to provide highly qualified students with a traditional academic foundation in theoretical concepts and research methods in architecture. In this program, students develop support courses and a thesis topic in an emphasis area offered by the department or research centers associated with the college.

The degree is a nonprofessional degree at the master’s level for those seeking advanced knowledge in preparation for careers in architectural research, or specialized practice and consulting. The degree may also act as a milestone toward a Ph.D. in architecture.

The student can focus his or her studies within the emphasis areas and exploration topics formally identified by the Department of Architecture. Applicants are invited to inquire about topics outside of those areas, providing they can identify a core of available faculty and support resources, and submit a clearly defined plan of study.

The Master of Science in Architecture degree requires the completion of a minimum of 32 credit hours as outlined by the course work listed below. Students who lack proficiencies appropriate to their chosen area of study may require course work beyond the basic 32 hours. Specific deficiencies will be identified by the degree coordinator, the student’s advisory committee chair, and/or the advisory committee. To maintain the full-time student status, a student must take at least 9 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters.

All students will be assigned a temporary advisor upon admittance to the program. The student is responsible for selecting a faculty member with expertise in the chosen focus area to chair the student’s thesis committee. The student and the committee chair will locate two or more graduate faculty members to join the committee. The role of the thesis committee is to provide guidance, advice, and critical judgment for the student in matters of degree planning, research methods, and the thesis.
CURRICULUM

Core Courses

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One graduate-level theory course with the course prefix ARCH

One graduate-level history course

Pattern Study Courses

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Total Hours

32 hours (minimum)

ADMISSIONS

Deadlines

- January 15: Deadline for those wishing to be considered for financial aid
- March 15: Application deadline

Architecture program is offered to students possessing professional degrees in architecture as well as those possessing undergraduate degrees in related disciplines. Persons in fields other than architecture may be admitted conditionally and may be required to take additional coursework. Admission is also dependent upon the availability of appropriate faculty in emphasis areas identified by applicants. Besides completing the standard university graduate application, the applicant must also:

- Provide a one page resume giving an educational and work history
- Provide a one- to two-page statement of purpose and outline of a proposed study program
- Provide three letters of recommendation
- Apply at applicant.tamu.edu

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