

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE/MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

The Master of Architecture/Master of Landscape Architecture (M.Arch./M.L.A.) dual degree has been shaped in recognition of the fact that in the best circumstances, architecture and landscape work in synthesis to shape our built environment. This dual degree program provides core knowledge in both fields, while also emphasizing their shared territories and concerns, and ultimately preparing students to engage with the full complexity of the contemporary metropolis. By bringing the Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture degrees together, we embrace the integrative thinking that will address the challenges and opportunities set before designers of the 21st century.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted without conditions to the M.Arch./M.L.A. program, an applicant is required to possess the following:

1. an understanding of basic systems and analytical procedures, including mechanics, heat transfer, light, and sound, as demonstrated through the successful completion of a college-level physics course equivalent to Illinois Tech's PHYS 200
2. an understanding of basic mathematical principles and analytical procedures, including algebra, geometry, and trigonometry, as demonstrated through the successful completion of a college-level mathematics course equivalent to Illinois Tech's MATH 122
3. a basic ability to produce freehand drawings of architectural forms and spaces, as demonstrated by the successful completion of one college-level drawing course or by portfolio submissions
4. a basic understanding of design, as demonstrated by the successful completion of one college-level design course or by portfolio submissions
5. prior college-level coursework in freehand drawing, biology, and earth science (geology, physical geography, or hydrology, etc.)
6. a minimum of 45 semester hours (or the quarter hour equivalent) outside of architectural studies, either as general studies or electives with content outside of architecture

Candidates admitted with deficiencies in any of these prerequisites must fulfill them before matriculation. Candidates will be notified upon admission of their program of study, which is determined by prior academic training and professional experience, as well as portfolio content. Applicants must have a college grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Candidates who hold a B.S. in Architecture, a B.S. in Landscape Architecture (B.S.L.A.), or an equivalent pre-professional architecture degree, that partially fulfills NAAB (National Architectural Accreditation Board) requirements may qualify for up to one year of advanced standing in the professional degree program. For applicants with undergraduate degrees in architecture, the portfolio is the single most important component of the application. Project selection should be heavily skewed towards large-scale comprehensive design projects developed across several scales. Mastery of structural design, familiarity with advanced building technologies, and thorough knowledge of building practices should be clearly communicated.

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| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|--|---|--------------|
| Required Courses | | (108) |
| ARCH 485 | Structures I: Structural Analysis – The System | 3 |
| ARCH 486 | Structures II: Building Design | 3 |
| ARCH 500 | Global Modernism | 3 |
| ARCH 501 | Contemporary Architecture | 3 |
| ARCH 502 | Advanced Topics in History and Theory I | 3 |
| ARCH 506 | Design Communications I: Units and Order | 3 |
| ARCH 507 | Design Communications II: Systems and Assemblages | 3 |
| ARCH 513 | Mechanical and Electrical Building Systems for Architects I | 3 |
| ARCH 514 | Mechanical and Electrical Building Systems for Architects II | 3 |
| ARCH 541 | Architecture Studio I: Elements | 6 |
| ARCH 542 | Architecture Studio II: Architecture in the City | 6 |
| ARCH 543 | Architecture Studio III: Living in the City | 6 |
| ARCH 544 | Architecture Studio IV: Working in the City | 6 |
| LA 501 | History, Theory, and Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory | 3 |
| LA 502 | History, Theory, and Criticism II: Landscape Architectural History | 3 |
| LA 503 | History, Theory, and Criticism IV: Advanced Contemporary Theory – Case Studies | 3 |
| LA 504 | History, Theory, and Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar | 3 |
| LA 514 | Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture I: Entrepreneurship and Practice | 3 |
| or ARCH 568 | Architectural Practice | |
| LA 516 | Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture II: Landscape Architecture and Time | 3 |
| LA 527 | Design Media III: Advanced Modeling and Fabrication-Dynamic Processes | 3 |
| LA 541 | Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes | 6 |
| LA 542 | Landscape Architecture Studio II: Site and City | 6 |
| LA 543 | Landscape Architecture Studio III: Comprehensive Landscape Architecture | 6 |
| LA 546 | Landscape Architecture Studio VI: Metropolis | 6 |
| or ARCH 546 | Architecture Studio VI: Advanced | |
| LA 565 | Ecology and Materials Workshop I: Plants and Planting | 3 |
| LA 566 | Ecology and Materials Workshop II: Earthworks and Infrastructures | 3 |
| LA 567 | Ecology and Materials Workshop III: Planting Design and Construction | 3 |
| LA 568 | Ecology and Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment | 3 |
| Architecture Electives | | (3) |
| Choose a minimum of three credit hours from any ARCH 400- or 500-level course with adviser approval. | | 3 |
| Landscape Architecture Electives | | (6) |
| Choose a minimum of six credit hours from any LA 400- or 500-level course with adviser approval. | | 6 |
| LA or ARCH Electives | | (6) |
| Choose a minimum of six credit hours from any LA or ARCH 400- or 500-level course with adviser approval. | | 6 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 123 |

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| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|--|---|--------------|
| Required Courses | | (63) |
| ARCH 501 | Contemporary Architecture | 3 |
| ARCH 513 | Mechanical and Electrical Building Systems for Architects I | 3 |
| ARCH 514 | Mechanical and Electrical Building Systems for Architects II | 3 |
| ARCH 542 | Architecture Studio II: Architecture in the City | 6 |
| or LA 542 | Landscape Architecture Studio II: Site and City | |
| ARCH 543 | Architecture Studio III: Living in the City | 6 |
| ARCH 544 | Architecture Studio IV: Working in the City | 6 |
| ARCH 546 | Architecture Studio VI: Advanced | 6 |
| or LA 546 | Landscape Architecture Studio VI: Metropolis | |
| LA 501 | History, Theory, and Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory | 3 |
| or ARCH 520 | Introduction to Urbanism | |
| LA 503 | History, Theory, and Criticism IV: Advanced Contemporary Theory – Case Studies | 3 |
| LA 504 | History, Theory, and Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar | 3 |
| LA 516 | Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture II: Landscape Architecture and Time | 3 |
| LA 541 | Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes | 6 |
| LA 545 | Landscape Architecture Studio V: Metropolis | 6 |
| LA 567 | Ecology and Materials Workshop III: Planting Design and Construction | 3 |
| LA 568 | Ecology and Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment | 3 |
| Required Architectural Technology Electives | | (6) |
| Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following: | | 6 |
| ARCH 480 | Materials and Construction | 3 |
| ARCH 482 | Material: Fibrous | 3 |
| ARCH 483 | Material: Transparent | 3 |
| ARCH 485 | Structures I: Structural Analysis – The System | 3 |
| ARCH 486 | Structures II: Building Design | 3 |
| ARCH 488 | Long-Span and Special Structures | 3 |
| ARCH 489 | Structural Systems for Tall Buildings and Long-Span Structures | 3 |
| ARCH 494 | Topics in Advanced Technology | 3 |
| ARCH 509 | Topics in Advanced Technology | 3 |
| ARCH 570 | Talking TALL I | 3 |
| ARCH 571 | Talking TALL II | 3 |
| ARCH 572 | Tall Building Technologies I | 3 |
| ARCH 573 | Tall Building Technologies II | 3 |
| Required Architectural History/Theory/Culture Electives | | (6) |
| Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following: | | 6 |
| ARCH 445 | The Prairie School | 3 |
| ARCH 446 | History of Landscape Architecture | 3 |
| or LA 502 | History, Theory, and Criticism II: Landscape Architectural History | |
| ARCH 456 | Topics in Modernism | 3 |
| ARCH 470 | Image City: Mediation of Space | 3 |
| ARCH 473 | Conflict and Time | 3 |
| ARCH 491 | Topics in Architecture History & Theory | 1 to 6 |
| ARCH 500 | Global Modernism | 3 |
| ARCH 502 | Advanced Topics in History and Theory I | 3 |
| ARCH 503 | Advanced Topics in History and Theory II | 3 |

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| Required Architectural Practice Elective | | | (3) |
| Select a minimum of 3 credits from the following: | | | 3 |
| ARCH 560 | Integrated Building Delivery Practice/BIM | 3 | |
| ARCH 561 | Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Architecture | 3 | |
| ARCH 563 | Introduction to Real Estate Finance Fundamentals | 3 | |
| ARCH 564 | Comprehensive Opportunity Assessment and Entrepreneurship Development Project/Practicum | 6 | |
| ARCH 565 | Construction and Project Management | 3 | |
| ARCH 566 | Entrepreneurial Design: Sector Studies/Case Studies | 3 | |
| ARCH 568 | Architectural Practice | 3 | |
| or LA 514 | Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture I: Entrepreneurship and Practice | | |
| ARCH 569 | Self-Management and Leadership | 3 | |
| Architecture or Landscape Architecture Design Communication Elective | | | (3) |
| ARCH 508 | Design Communications III | 3 | |
| or LA 527 | Design Media III: Advanced Modeling and Fabrication-Dynamic Processes | | |
| LA or ARCH Electives | | | (12) |
| Choose a minimum of 12 credit hours from any LA or ARCH 400- or 500-level course with adviser approval. | | | 12 |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 93 |

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| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---|---|--------------|
| Required Courses | | (72) |
| ARCH 501 | Contemporary Architecture | 3 |
| ARCH 513 | Mechanical and Electrical Building Systems for Architects I | 3 |
| ARCH 514 | Mechanical and Electrical Building Systems for Architects II | 3 |
| ARCH 543 | Architecture Studio III: Living in the City | 6 |
| ARCH 544 | Architecture Studio IV: Working in the City | 6 |
| ARCH 546 | Architecture Studio VI: Advanced | 6 |
| or LA 546 | Landscape Architecture Studio VI: Metropolis | |
| LA 501 | History, Theory, and Criticism I: Landscape Architecture Theory | 3 |
| or ARCH 520 | Introduction to Urbanism | |
| LA 502 | History, Theory, and Criticism II: Landscape Architectural History | 3 |
| or ARCH 446 | History of Landscape Architecture | |
| LA 503 | History, Theory, and Criticism IV: Advanced Contemporary Theory – Case Studies | 3 |
| LA 504 | History, Theory, and Criticism III: Landscape Architecture Research Seminar | 3 |
| LA 516 | Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture II: Landscape Architecture and Time | 3 |
| LA 541 | Landscape Architecture Studio I: Processes | 6 |
| LA 542 | Landscape Architecture Studio II: Site and City | 6 |
| LA 543 | Landscape Architecture Studio III: Comprehensive Landscape Architecture | 6 |
| LA 565 | Ecology and Materials Workshop I: Plants and Planting | 3 |
| LA 566 | Ecology and Materials Workshop II: Earthworks and Infrastructures | 3 |
| LA 567 | Ecology and Materials Workshop III: Planting Design and Construction | 3 |
| LA 568 | Ecology and Materials Workshop IV: Constructing the Urban Environment | 3 |
| Architecture or Landscape Architecture Design Communication Elective | | (3) |
| ARCH 508 | Design Communications III | 3 |
| or LA 527 | Design Media III: Advanced Modeling and Fabrication-Dynamic Processes | |
| Required Architectural Technology Elective | | (6) |
| Select a minimum of 6 credits from the following: | | 6 |
| ARCH 480 | Materials and Construction | 3 |
| ARCH 482 | Material: Fibrous | 3 |
| ARCH 483 | Material: Transparent | 3 |
| ARCH 485 | Structures I: Structural Analysis – The System | 3 |
| ARCH 486 | Structures II: Building Design | 3 |
| ARCH 488 | Long-Span and Special Structures | 3 |
| ARCH 489 | Structural Systems for Tall Buildings and Long-Span Structures | 3 |
| ARCH 494 | Topics in Advanced Technology | 3 |
| ARCH 509 | Topics in Advanced Technology | 3 |
| ARCH 570 | Talking TALL I | 3 |
| ARCH 571 | Talking TALL II | 3 |
| ARCH 572 | Tall Building Technologies I | 3 |
| ARCH 573 | Tall Building Technologies II | 3 |
| Required Architectural History/Theory/Culture Elective | | (3) |
| Select a minimum of 3 credits from the following: | | 3 |
| ARCH 445 | The Prairie School | 3 |
| ARCH 456 | Topics in Modernism | 3 |
| ARCH 470 | Image City: Mediation of Space | 3 |
| ARCH 473 | Conflict and Time | 3 |

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| ARCH 491 | Topics in Architecture History & Theory | 1 to 6 | |
| ARCH 500 | Global Modernism | 3 | |
| ARCH 502 | Advanced Topics in History and Theory I | 3 | |
| ARCH 503 | Advanced Topics in History and Theory II | 3 | |
| Required Architectural Practice Elective | | | (3) |
| Select a minimum of 3 credits from the following: | | | 3 |
| ARCH 560 | Integrated Building Delivery Practice/BIM | 3 | |
| ARCH 561 | Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Architecture | 3 | |
| ARCH 562 | Planning Law and Land Policy | 3 | |
| ARCH 563 | Introduction to Real Estate Finance Fundamentals | 3 | |
| ARCH 564 | Comprehensive Opportunity Assessment and Entrepreneurship Development Project/Practicum | 6 | |
| ARCH 565 | Construction and Project Management | 3 | |
| ARCH 566 | Entrepreneurial Design: Sector Studies/Case Studies | 3 | |
| ARCH 568 | Architectural Practice | 3 | |
| or LA 514 | Professional Practice of Landscape Architecture I: Entrepreneurship and Practice | | |
| ARCH 569 | Self-Management and Leadership | 3 | |
| BUS 510 | Strategic Management | 3 | |
| MBA 501 | Financial Statement Applications | 3 | |
| MBA 506 | Leadership and Organization Design | 3 | |
| Architecture Elective | | | (3) |
| Choose a minimum of three credit hours from any ARCH 400- or 500-level course with adviser approval. | | | 3 |
| Landscape Architecture Elective | | | (3) |
| Choose a minimum of three credit hours from any LA 400- or 500-level course with adviser approval. | | | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 93 |

Master of Architecture/Master of Landscape Architecture Curriculum

| | | Year 1 | |
|--|--------------|--|--------------|
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| ARCH 500 | 3 | ARCH 485 | 3 |
| ARCH 506 | 3 | ARCH 507 | 3 |
| ARCH 513 | 3 | ARCH 542 | 6 |
| ARCH 541 | 6 | LA 502 | 3 |
| | | LA 566 | 3 |
| | | 15 | 18 |
| | | Year 2 | |
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| ARCH 486 | 3 | ARCH 501 | 3 |
| ARCH 543 | 6 | ARCH 514 | 3 |
| LA 501 | 3 | ARCH 544 | 6 |
| LA 565 | 3 | LA 568 | 3 |
| | | 15 | 15 |
| | | Year 3 | |
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| LA 504 | 3 | LA 503 | 3 |
| LA 527 | 3 | LA 514 or ARCH 568 | 3 |
| LA 541 | 6 | LA 542 | 6 |
| LA 567 | 3 | Architecture or Landscape Architecture Elective ¹ | 3 |
| | | 15 | 15 |
| | | Year 4 | |
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| ARCH 502 or 503 | 3 | LA 516 | 3 |
| LA 543 | 6 | LA 546 or ARCH 546 | 6 |
| Landscape Architecture Elective ³ | 3 | Architecture Elective ² | 3 |
| Architecture or Landscape Architecture Elective ¹ | 3 | Landscape Architecture Elective ³ | 3 |
| | | 15 | 15 |

Total Credit Hours: 123

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² Electives may be chosen from any ARCH 400- or 500-level course with adviser approval.

³ Electives may be chosen from any LA 400- or 500-level course with adviser approval.

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| | | Year 1 | |
|---|--------------|--|--------------|
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| LA 501 | 3 | ARCH 501 | 3 |
| LA 541 | 6 | ARCH 542 or LA 542 | 6 |
| LA 567 | 3 | LA 568 | 3 |
| Required Architectural History/Theory/Culture Elective ¹ | 3 | Architecture/Landscape Architecture Design Communication Elective ² | 3 |
| 15 | | 15 | |
| | | Year 2 | |
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| ARCH 513 | 3 | ARCH 514 | 3 |
| ARCH 543 | 6 | ARCH 544 | 6 |
| Required Architectural Technology Elective ¹ | 3 | LA 503 | 3 |
| Architecture or Landscape Architecture Elective ³ | 3 | Required Architectural Technology Elective ¹ | 3 |
| | | Required Architectural Practice Elective ¹ | 3 |
| 15 | | 18 | |
| | | Year 3 | |
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| LA 504 | 3 | ARCH 546 or LA 546 | 6 |
| LA 516 | 3 | Required Architectural History/Theory/Culture Elective ¹ | 3 |
| LA 545 | 6 | Architecture or Landscape Architecture Elective ³ | 3 |
| Architecture or Landscape Architecture Elective ³ | 3 | Architecture or Landscape Architecture Elective ³ | 3 |
| 15 | | 15 | |

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¹ Refer to official curriculum for required elective choices or meet with advisor.

² Choose from ARCH 508 or LA 527.

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| | | Year 1 | |
|---|--------------|--|--------------|
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| ARCH 513 | 3 | ARCH 501 | 3 |
| LA 501 or ARCH 520 | 3 | ARCH 514 | 3 |
| LA 541 | 6 | LA 502 or ARCH 446 | 3 |
| LA 565 | 3 | LA 542 | 6 |
| | | LA 566 | 3 |
| 15 | | 18 | |
| | | Year 2 | |
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| ARCH 543 | 6 | ARCH 544 | 6 |
| LA 567 | 3 | LA 568 | 3 |
| Required Architectural Technology Elective ¹ | 3 | Required Architectural Technology Elective ¹ | 3 |
| Required Architectural History/Theory/Culture Elective ¹ | 3 | Architecture/Landscape Architecture Design Communication Elective ² | 3 |
| 15 | | 15 | |
| | | Year 3 | |
| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
| LA 504 | 3 | ARCH 546 or LA 546 | 6 |
| LA 516 | 3 | LA 503 | 3 |
| LA 543 | 6 | Required Architectural Practice Elective ¹ | 3 |
| Landscape Architecture Elective ³ | 3 | Architecture Elective ⁴ | 3 |
| 15 | | 15 | |

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