In the United States, almost all 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 offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Master of Architecture, with the following Tracks:
- Track 3 [non-professional degree + 99 credits]
- Track 2.5 [professional degree in Arch + 69 credits]
- Track 2 [professional degree in Arch + 54 credits]

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Master of Architecture, Track 2:
This program is for students with a pre-professional undergraduate architecture degree, (typically a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in Architecture) and sufficient coursework to fulfill the Path 2 prerequisites.
Track 2 takes four semesters to complete. UNM Bachelors of Arts in Architecture (BAA) students with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 overall and also in studio courses are automatically admitted to Track 2.

Master of Architecture, Track 2.5:
This program is for students with a pre-professional undergraduate architecture degree, and sufficient coursework to fulfill the Track 2.5 prerequisites.
Track 2.5 takes two and a half years to complete, or two academic years plus a summer.

Master of Architecture, Track 3:
This program is intended for anyone that already holds an undergraduate degree in any discipline, and also for students that have an undergraduate degree in architecture or environmental design, but not enough coursework to apply for Track 2.5 or Track 2 programs. Track 3 program students come from a variety of backgrounds including art history, biology, economics, engineering, political science, etc. Track 3 takes three academic years to complete, plus a summer program prior to the first year.
Master of Architecture (MArch) TRACK 2

First Year Fall
ARCH 601 Masters Architectural Design I (6)
ARCH 633 Sustainability II (3)
ARCH 634 Systems Integration (3)
ARCH 635 Systems Integration (3)

First Year Spring
ARCH 602 Masters Architectural Design II (Spring or Summer) (6)
ARCH 621 Research Methodology (3)
ARCH 624 Architectural Theory (3)
ARCH 635 Systems Integration II (3)

1st year minimum total: (30)

Second Year Fall
ARCH 603 or Architectural Design III (6)
ARCH 633 Sustainability II (3)
ARCH 634 Systems Integration (3)
ARCH 652 Pre-Design + Architectural Planning (3)

Second Year Spring
ARCH 604 or Architectural Design IV (6)
ARCH 596** Masters Thesis Prep (3 hours required if student plans to complete a Masters Thesis) (6)
LA 556 Site + Environment (3)

2nd year minimum total: (24)

GRAND TOTAL: (54)

*NAAB Accreditation requires students to have a minimum total of 45 credit hours in non-architectural coursework in their undergraduate and graduate education combined. If necessary, student should use their electives to reach this number.
**This course counts as an elective credit.
***The Track 2.5 can be completed in two years if the student also takes a studio and other classes during the summer.

Master of Architecture (MArch) TRACK 2.5

First Year Fall
ARCH 601 Masters Architectural Design I (6)
ARCH 633 Sustainability II (3)
ARCH 634 Systems Integration (3)
ARCH 652 Pre-Design + Architectural Planning (3)

First Year Spring
ARCH 602 Masters Architectural Design II (Spring or Summer) (6)
ARCH 621 Research Methodology (3)
ARCH 624 Architectural Theory (3)
ARCH 635 Systems Integration II (3)

1st year minimum total: (30)

Second Year Fall
ARCH 603 or Architectural Design III (6)
ARCH 651 Professional Practice (3)
LA 556 Site + Environment (3)

Second Year Spring
ARCH 604 or Architectural Design IV (6)
ARCH 596** Masters Thesis Prep (3 hours required if student plans to complete a Masters Thesis) (6)
ARCH Course Open Elective or Masters Project Prep or Thesis Prep (6)

2nd year minimum total: (27)

Third Year Fall
ARCH 605 or Architectural Design IV (6)
ARCH 597 or Masters Project (6)
UNM Course Graduate Elective (3)

2nd year minimum total: (12)

GRAND TOTAL: (69)

Master of Architecture (MArch) TRACK 3

First Year Summer
ARCH 500 Graduate Architectural Design I (6)
ARCH 570 Introduction to Visualization (1)

First Year Fall
ARCH 501 Graduate Architectural Design II (6)
ARCH 521 Architectural Analysis (3)
ARCH 523 World Architecture I (3)
ARCH 532 Architectural Structures I (3)
ARCH 572*** Design Visualization (1)

First Year Spring
ARCH 502 Design Fundamentals (6)
ARCH 524 World Architecture II (3)
ARCH 531 Graduate Construction (3)
ARCH 533 Architectural Structures II (3)

1st year minimum total: (39)

Second Year Fall
ARCH 601 Masters Architectural Design I (6)
ARCH 633 Sustainability II (3)
ARCH 634 Systems Integration (3)
ARCH 652 Pre-Design + Architectural Programming (3)

Second Year Spring
ARCH 602 Masters Architectural Design II (6)
ARCH 621 Research Methodology (3)
ARCH 624 Architectural Theory (3)
ARCH 635 Systems Integration II (3)

2nd year minimum total: (27)

Third Year Fall
ARCH 603 or Architectural Design III (6)
ARCH 596** Masters Thesis Prep (3 hours required if student plans to complete a Masters Thesis) (6)
ARCH 651 Professional Practice (3)
LA 556 Site + Environment (3)

2nd year minimum total: (24)

GRAND TOTAL: (54)

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ARCH 570 Introduction to Visualization (1)

First Year Fall
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ARCH 521 Architectural Analysis (3)
ARCH 523 World Architecture I (3)
ARCH 532 Architectural Structures I (3)
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ARCH 502 Design Fundamentals (6)
ARCH 524 World Architecture II (3)
ARCH 531 Graduate Construction (3)
ARCH 533 Architectural Structures II (3)

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GRAND TOTAL: (54)