

MArch

Master of Architecture



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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 652	Pre-Design + Architectural Planning	(3)
(15)		
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)
(15)		

1st year minimum total: (30)

Second Year Fall		
ARCH 603 or ARCH 596**	Architectural Design III 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)
(12)		

Second Year Spring		
ARCH 604 or ARCH 597 or ARCH 599	Architectural Design IV Masters Project Masters Thesis	(6)
ARCH Course	Architectural History or Theory elective	(3)
UNM Course	Graduate Elective*	(3)
(12)		

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)
(15)		
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)
(15)		

1st year minimum total: (30)

Second Year Fall		
ARCH 603	Architectural Design III	(6)
ARCH 651	Professional Practice	(3)
LA 556	Site + Environment	(3)
(12)		

Second Year Spring		
ARCH 604 or ARCH 596**	Architectural Design IV 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)
ARCH Course	Architectural History or Theory elective	(3)
(15)		

2nd year minimum total: (27)

Third Year Fall		
ARCH 605 or ARCH 597 or ARCH 599	Architectural Design IV Masters Project Masters Thesis	(6)
UNM Course	Graduate Elective	(6)
(12)		

2nd year minimum total: (12)
GRAND TOTAL: (69)

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TRACK 3

First Year Summer		
ARCH 500	Graduate Architectural Design I	(6)
ARCH 570	Introduction to Visualization	(1)
(7)		
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)
(16)		

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)
ARCH 572***	Design Visualization	(1)
(16)		

1st year minimum total: (39)

Second Year Fall		
ARCH 601	Masters Architectural Design I	(6)
ARCH 633	Sustainability II	(3)
ARCH 634	Systems Integration I	(3)
ARCH 652	Pre-Design + Architectural Programming	(3)
(15)		

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)
(15)		

2nd year minimum total: (30)

Third Year Fall		
ARCH 603 or ARCH 596**	Architectural Design III 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)
(15)		

Third Year Spring***		
ARCH 604 or ARCH 597 or ARCH 599	Architectural Design IV Masters Project Masters Thesis	(6)
UNM Course	Graduate Electives	(9)
(15)		

3rd year minimum total: (30)
GRAND TOTAL: (99)

