

ARCHITECTURE

Integrated Undergrad-Grad Programs

Integrated B.Arch. In Architecture and M.S. in Architecture

This Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate (IUG) degree program combines the B.Arch. in Architecture with the M.S. in Architecture offered at the following campuses:

Undergraduate Degree

- University Park

Graduate Degree

- University Park

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-210 Integrated Undergraduate-Graduate (IUG) Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-210-integrated-undergraduate-graduate-degree-programs/>).

The Integrated B.Arch./M.S. in Architecture program permits students to integrate the fifth year of the professional B.Arch. degree, pursued at Penn State, with the M.S. research degree into a continuous program of study culminating in the awarding of both degrees.

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The Department of Architecture offers a limited number of academically superior students enrolled in the fourth year of the Bachelor of Architecture degree program the opportunity to enroll in an integrated program leading to both the B.Arch. and the M.S. in Architecture degrees. The ability to coordinate as well as concurrently pursue the two degree programs enables the student to achieve greater depth and comprehensiveness than if the degrees are pursued sequentially, and to earn the two degrees in a shorter period of time. In particular, the program encourages the student to integrate the undergraduate thesis design project with the master's thesis, thereby achieving a greater depth of inquiry. The number of openings to this special program is limited; admission is by invitation of the faculty and is extremely selective.

Students must apply to and meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School, as well as the graduate program in which they intend to receive their master's degree. Before applying to the Graduate School, students must have completed entrance to their undergraduate major and have completed no less than 60 credits. Students must be admitted no later than the end of the second week of the semester preceding the semester of expected conferral of the undergraduate degree. Transfer students must have completed at least 15 credits at Penn State to enroll in an IUG. Applicants to the integrated program must be enrolled in the fourth year of a B.Arch. program or otherwise qualified to apply for admission to the fifth year of the B.Arch. program at Penn State. To be admitted, applicants must have a minimum 3.20 junior/senior overall grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) as well as (1) a minimum 3.20 GPA in

architectural design courses (studio), and (2) a minimum 3.20 GPA in all course work except architectural design courses (studio).

All applicants for admission to the Integrated B.Arch./M.S. in Architecture degree program must submit the following:

- a completed Graduate School application (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>) and payment of the non-refundable application fee
- names of three faculty members or professionals acquainted with the applicant's academic history who can be contacted and invited to provide reference letters
- a statement of intent/plan of study, which should be primarily a description of the applicant's professional goals. The statement/plan shall clearly describe the student's proposed general thesis topic and a strategy for pursuing it, including a list of proposed courses and a list of faculty whom the student foresees as contributing to the course of study. The plan should be reviewed periodically with an adviser as the student advances through the program.
- a portfolio of creative and design work executed at the undergraduate level, under professional guidance or independently, provided that such work can be evidenced as executed by the applicant. A minimum portfolio representation of one project for each year of academic undergraduate study, or its equivalent, is required

The best-qualified students will be accepted up to the number of spaces available for new students.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete the requirements for both the B.Arch. and the M.S. in Architecture degrees with the exception that not more than 12 credits earned in either degree program may be used to meet the requirements of both degrees. Degree requirements for the Bachelor of Architecture are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/>). Degree requirements for the Master of Science in Architecture degree are listed on the Degree Requirements tab. A minimum of 50 percent of the courses proposed to count for both degrees must be at the 500 or 800 level. Independent study courses and credits associated with the culminating experience for the graduate degree cannot be double-counted.

Code	Title	Credits
Courses Eligible to Double Count for Both Degrees		
ARCH 451	Architectural Professional Practice	3
ARCH 511	Theoretical Perspectives in Architecture	3
ARCH 520	Methods of Inquiry in Architecture and Urban Design	3
ARCH 536	Design-Inquiry	1-12
ARCH 550	Ethics in the Built Environment	3

A minimum total of 180 credits are required to complete the Integrated B.Arch./M.S. in Architecture program and earn both degrees. The student must maintain a minimum 3.2 overall GPA and shall achieve no less than a B grade in each required course.

Students must sequence their courses so all undergraduate degree requirements are fulfilled before taking courses to count solely towards the graduate degree. Students are expected to complete the undergraduate degree requirements within the typical time to degree for the undergraduate major. In the semester in which the undergraduate degree requirements will be completed, IUG students must apply to graduate, and the undergraduate degree should be conferred at the next

appropriate Commencement. If students accepted into the IUG program are unable to complete the M.S. degree, they are still eligible to receive their undergraduate degree if all the undergraduate degree requirements have been satisfied.