master of architecture (M.Arch.)
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The application deadline for both the 2-year and 3-year master of architecture degrees is January 15th annually. 3-year master of architecture students begin coursework in late June and 2-year master of architecture students begin in the fall. Please visit taubmancollege.umich.edu/applyarchitecture for more detailed information about the 2-year and 3-year master of architecture requirements, application instructions, to schedule a visit, or view sample schedules and course descriptions.

“Taubman College’s graduate degree in architecture is a studio intensive program that takes a critical view of design, theory, and production. Professional coursework and electives in topical areas supplement the traditional design education model. The combination of core professional and specialty courses prepare students to engage in a research-based thesis design project which doubles as the final studio. Students who earned an undergraduate degree in architecture complete the program in two years. Students who hold an undergraduate degree in other disciplines should expect to follow a course of study lasting three years. The M.Arch. degree is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). Taubman College’s 3-year master of architecture is designed for applicants who received an undergraduate degree in a discipline other than architecture. This 105-credit-hour degree draws upon the diverse backgrounds of the students to encourage a multi-faceted discussion of architecture. The first year builds a foundation that drives the following years; students join their peers in the 2-year master of architecture track for the second and third years. To be eligible for admission, students must hold an undergraduate degree in any field and have fulfilled the two required prerequisite courses: 1 calculus course and 1 physics course with lab. Two studio art courses are also strongly recommended.

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John McMorrough, Architecture Faculty
3-year master of architecture
required courses (105 credits)

7 architectural design studios (42 credits)
1 design fundamentals courses (3 credits)
2 building construction courses (6 credits)
1 digital drawing course (3 credits)
1 architectural representation course (3 credits)
1 architectural theory + criticism course (3 credits)
1 site planning course (3 credits)
2 sustainable systems courses (6 credits)
1 architectural history courses (3 credits)
2 structures courses (6 credits)
1 professional practice course (3 credits)
3 architecture elective courses (9 credits)
1 thesis development seminar (3 credits)
5 elective courses (15 credits)

2-year master of architecture
required courses (60 credits)

4 architectural design studios (24 credits)
1 architectural representation course (3 credits)
1 architectural theory + criticism course (3 credits)
1 site planning course (3 credits)
1 professional practice course (3 credits)
1 thesis development seminar (3 credits)
2 architectural electives (6 credits)
5 elective courses (15 credits)

During the final year, 2-year and 3-year Master of Architecture students research a thesis topic which culminates in a design project. This design project serves as the final studio.

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