Master of Architecture

Louisiana Tech University
School of Design

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The graduate program in Architecture is a non-thesis thirty credit hour plan of study focused around a single comprehensive architectural project. The program allows the serious student of architecture an opportunity to study a specific area of interest within a comprehensive project framework. The Master of Architecture degree, coupled with the 138 credit hour Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies, is a professional education designed for those interested in becoming a licensed architect.

Curricula and Matriculation

ARCH 504 Pre-Design Research	3 credits	Summer
ARCH 510 Comprehensive Design I	5 credits	Fall
ARCH 514 Professional Prac. Seminar	3 credits	Fall
ARCH 520 Comprehensive Design II	5 credits	Winter
ARCH 530 Comprehensive Design III	5 credits	Spring
ARCH 534 Architectural Theory	3 credits	Spring
Electives *	6 credits	Summer/Winter
Total Required Credits	30 credits	

*Electives must be 500 level or above or 400G level classes with approval from advisor.
Students may take a maximum of 8 credits per quarter.

Admission Deadline

Admission to the Master of Architecture program is for the Summer Quarter only, and the application deadline is May 1.

Admission Requirements

For applicants who have earned a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies from Louisiana Tech University:

In *addition* to meeting the general admission requirements of the Louisiana Tech University Graduate School, the applicant must possess the following:

1. BSAS from Louisiana Tech University.
2. A minimum 3.0 GPA in all 300 and higher architecture studios (ARCH 315, ARCH 325, ARCH 335, ARCH 415, ARCH 425, and ARCH 435).
3. If the applicant's studio GPA falls between 2.5 and 2.9, application for admission may still be made. Applicant must submit their portfolio for review / consideration. See *Portfolio Requirements* for additional information.(NOTE: portfolio should not simply be a catalog of the work produced for grading in architecture studios, as that has already been assessed as lacking. Professional work, supplemental design work, and development/improvement of previous studio projects are necessary to warrant consideration for admittance.)

For applicants who have earned a pre-professional degree in Architecture from a U.S. institution:

If the applicant has earned a *pre-professional* architecture degree (e.g. B.S. Architecture; B.S. Architectural Studies; Bachelor of Environmental Design; Bachelor of Architectural Studies, etc.) , *other than one earned at Louisiana Tech University*, the applicant's undergraduate transcript must be reviewed for compliance with the Student Performance Criteria outlined by NAAB, and for consistency with coursework offered at Louisiana Tech University. Applicants with fully comparable degrees may be admitted under the standard curriculum. Other applicants *may* be admitted as a graduate student, with an extended plan-of-study developed and individually tailored to their skills, background, and incoming degree comparability. The coursework of this levelling plan-of-study will require time additional to the standard curriculum.

In addition to meeting the general admission requirements of the Louisiana Tech University Graduate School, the applicant must possess/provide the following:
1. A minimum 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) in all 300 and higher architecture studios.
2. A portfolio of representative design work.
3. Two recommendations.

For applicants who have earned a non-U.S., non-NAAB-accredited, undergraduate degree in architecture:

If the applicant has earned a degree that is not part of an NAAB-accredited curriculum, the applicant may not be admitted under the standard curriculum. However, the applicant *may* be admitted as a graduate student, with an extended plan-of-study developed and individually tailored to their skills, background, and incoming degree comparability. The coursework of this levelling plan-of-study will require time additional to the standard curriculum.

We will also require your transcript to undergo <u>international credential evaluation</u>. This will certify/verify the degree, and convert all grades and credits to the American equivalent.

<u>Portfolio Requirements for Application to the Master of Architecture Program</u>
Read the guidelines carefully, keeping in mind that the portfolio will be one of the primary tools for assessing your potential for success in the Master of Architecture program.

1. Minimum 8 pages.
2. Include examples of studio projects, with emphasis on diversity of scales and project types.
3. Include examples of technical architectural drawings representing building systems and details.
4. Include examples of both digital and physical modeling.
5. Include examples of process techniques you utilize(d) in designing.
6. Examples of professional and other creative works are encouraged.
7. If the project represented is a team project, it must be clearly stated as such. The names of each team member should be included, along with an explanation of the specific work carried out by the applicant.

In General

1. For the School of Design, the requirements for GRE test scores have been waived in lieu of other requirements.
2. Students seeking graduate assistantships may be required to take the GRE-general exam as a qualification to compete for an assistantship and/or out-of-state tuition fee waiver.
3. Application to the Master of Architecture degree is through the Graduate School. http://www.latech.edu/graduateschool/. Please see the Louisiana Tech Bulletin, Chapter 15, and Graduate School website for other Graduate School admission requirements.
4. *Concurrent Admission* may be granted for those students who plan to complete their internship or coursework and earn a B.S. in Architectural Studies by the end of the Summer Quarter. This requires a separate application and additional paperwork. See the Louisiana Tech Bulletin, Chapter 15.

Application Process:

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION (Send to Director of Graduate Admissions)
Submit to the University's Director of Graduate Admissions the following:

☐   University Graduate School Application and fee.

☐   All Official College Transcripts.

☐   Test Scores for TOEFL or IELTS if you are an international applicant.

☐   *Please note that GRE test scores have been waived for Master of Architecture applicants.*

☐   Application for Graduate Assistantship, if desired.
       See http://www.latech.edu/documents/grad_school_assistantship_application.pdf
       (attach resume and indicate openness to various departments)

☐   Two recommendations, if required. Please use attached form.

☐   Digital(PDF)Portfolio, if required.

Deadline: May 1st

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