MASTER OF ARTS (MA) DEGREE IN THE FIELD OF ARCHITECTURE

Program Learning Outcomes for the MA Degree in the field of Architecture

Upon completing the MA degree in the field of Architecture, students will be able to:

1. Integrate architecture and advanced research to address the most pressing and complex issues of design, environment, and culture.
2. Develop research techniques and knowledge of advanced systems, techniques, and processes.
3. Innovate the knowledge and practice of architecture through advanced critical thinking and experimentation.

Requirements for the MA Degree in the field of Architecture

The MA degree is a thesis master’s degree. For general university requirements, please see Thesis Master’s Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-thesis-masters-degrees).

Present Future is a concentrated undertaking culminating in the MA (Master of Arts) degree, in the field of Architecture. The program is structured around a three-semester-long exploration of a topic led by a Rice School of Architecture faculty member. A select group of students form the core: a collective intelligence responsible for developing a discourse that synthesizes theoretical, historical, and design ambitions.

Subjects will be of contemporary importance and will be framed by a 3-credit seminar the first term, a 12-credit collective thesis in the second term, and a concluding 3-credit seminar in the third term. In addition to free electives, each semester will include additional required credits that are appropriate to the selected topic, bringing the total credit hours to 39.

The program’s student body will include those with backgrounds in architecture as well as other fields: individuals with BA, BS equivalent, or more advanced degrees in architecture or other disciplines are invited to apply. Coursework will include offerings from the School of Architecture and other departments across Rice University.

Summary

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Degree Requirements

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Elective Requirements

Students must complete 7 additional courses from departmental (ARCH) course offerings

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Footnotes and Additional Information

1 With permission, thesis or a design studio may be taken as electives.

Required Plan-of-Study

The Master of Arts in Architecture degree program is structured around a three-semester-long exploration of a topic led by a Rice School of Architecture faculty member.

Course | Title                          | Credit Hours |
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1st Semester
ARCH 651 | PRESENT FUTURE SEMINAR     | 3            |
Elective 1 | Elective                    | 3            |
Elective 1 | Elective                    | 3            |
Credit Hours |                            | 12           |
2nd Semester
ARCH 602 | ARCHITECTURAL PROBLEMS     | 12           |
Elective 1 | Elective                    | 3            |
Elective 1 | Elective                    | 3            |
Credit Hours |                            | 18           |
3rd Semester
ARCH 751 | PRESENT FUTURE II          | 3            |
Elective 1 | Elective                    | 3            |
Elective 1 | Elective                    | 3            |
Credit Hours |                            | 9            |
Total Credit Hours |                        | 39           |

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Policies for the MA Degree in the field of Architecture

School of Architecture Graduate Program Handbook

The General Announcements (GA) is the official Rice curriculum. As an additional resource for students, the school of Architecture publishes a graduate program handbook, which can be found here: http://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2018_19/Architecture_Graduate_Handbook.pdf

Transfer Credit

For Rice University’s policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/#transfer). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program’s advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Architecture website: http://architecture.rice.edu/
Opportunities for the MA Degree in the field of Architecture

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