

Architecture

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20FS0249MARC (MArch)
20FS5046MS (MSArch)
20FS5245MA (MAD-Crit)

The School of Architecture offers three graduate degrees: a NAAB-accredited^a professional Master of Architecture degree (MArch), a post-professional Master of Science in Architecture degree (MSArch), and an academic Master of Arts in Design Criticism (MAD-Crit). The School also offers joint degrees in Architecture and Design Criticism.

Master of Architecture (MArch): a three-year professional degree for applicants who have a bachelor's degree in any field. The MArch consists of a studio-centered curriculum supported by required and elective coursework in architectural technology and theory. Applicants must have completed a calculus course and two art history or architecture history courses prior to enrolling in the program. [See program website for more information about the MArch.](#)

Master of Science in Architecture (MSArch): a one-year post-professional degree intended for applicants who have already earned a professional degree in architecture or the international equivalent. The MSArch consists of studio-centered work in architecture and urbanism supported by elective coursework in advanced technology and contemporary theory and criticism. [See program website for more information about the MSArch.](#)

Master of Arts in Design Criticism (MAD-Crit): a two-year program that develops textual and visual argumentation in the areas of architecture, urbanism, landscape, and allied design practices. The MAD-Crit degree program is open to applicants with a bachelor's degree in any field. It is intended for postgraduate students and mid-career professionals who are interested in refocusing on research, writing, and publication. In addition to those with architecture backgrounds, the program is also suitable for those from other fields who are already practicing as critics, journalists, or curators and want to develop expertise in the design areas considered, or for those who would like a terminal graduate degree in order to pursue an academic career. Revolving around intensive writing seminars and publication workshops, the MAD-Crit program aims to solicit and expand the audience for design criticism and reposition the significance of design in public discourse. [See program website for more information about the MAD-Crit program.](#)

Joint degrees: The School of Architecture offers a three- or four-year joint MArch/MAD-Crit degree (depending on program placement) as well as a two-year joint MSArch/MAD-Crit degree. These provide students

with a greater range of opportunities in their pursuit of professional and academic careers. [See program website for more information about joint degrees.](#)

a **Required text from National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB):** "In the United States, most 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 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 term, an eight-year term with conditions, or a two-year term of continuing accreditation, or a three-year term of initial accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established education standards. Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may require a non-accredited undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the non-accredited degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree."

The School of Architecture at the University of Illinois Chicago offers the following NAAB-accredited degree program:

Master of Architecture (MArch) degree (non-architecture or preprofessional undergraduate degree + 100 semester hours; preprofessional undergraduate degree + 64 semester hours with advanced standing)

Admission and Degree Requirements

- [Master of Architecture](#)
- [Master of Science in Architecture](#)
- [Master of Arts in Design Criticism](#)
- [Master of Architecture/MA in Design Criticism](#)
- [MS in Architecture/MA in Design Criticism](#)