

## OVERVIEW

The Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degree offered through the School of Architecture & Construction Management at Washington State University Spokane is accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB). Once completed, this degree allows students to participate in an architect internship program and qualify for the state architecture licensing exam.

M.Arch students engage in course work in site design, structures, technology, and history and theory. The culmination of graduate study is a two-semester graduate studio project. It is expected that the project be based on a defined hypothesis and demonstrate a comprehensive understanding and solution to a particular issue in architecture.

## INTERDISCIPLINARITY

Students studying on the Spokane campus have the opportunity to engage with students in participating programs such as Interior Design and Landscape Architecture. This interaction reinforces individual disciplinary knowledge and skills, while developing additional interdisciplinary depth of understanding in areas such as People and Place, History, Theory and Criticism, and Digital Design. These unique learning experiences provide the added value that positions students competitively in a dynamic marketplace.

## AREAS OF DESIGN

Working in the realm of physical design, students in the M.Arch program study the field of architecture in the context of interdisciplinary thinking. The general areas of architectural emphasis include histories and theories of architectural design; building technologies; programmatic use; representation; and site design (urban and rural contexts). Projects address a range of design issues, some that are highly theoretical and others that focus on material-technological issues.

## COURSES OF STUDY

There are three different tracks for completing the M.Arch degree at Washington State University.

- **Track 1** is a 1 ½ year program (3 semesters plus summer) for students with a four-year Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies from WSU or a professional accredited degree (B.Arch) from a university in the US.
- **Track 2** is a 2 ½ year program (5 semesters plus summer) for students who have a four-year undergraduate pre-professional degree in architecture from a US university or its equivalent. Track 2 includes completion of one year of additional architecture classes in preparation for the 1 ½ year sequence.
- **Track 3** is a 3 ½ year (7 semesters plus summer) program for students who have an undergraduate degree in a non architectural field.
- Determination for admission for all tracks is based upon accomplishments and skills in course work and design as demonstrated through the student portfolio (if applicable).

Required coursework for Track 2 and 3 is individually determined by an admissions committee based on applicant's previous academic history, and may include coursework on the Pullman campus when necessary.

## CURRICULUM (Final 3 semesters plus summer)

Note: Curriculum does not show Track 2 or 3 required undergraduate coursework as it is individually determined by an Admissions Committee based on applicant's previous degrees and relevant coursework.

**Fall: Semester one (15 credits)**

Arch 510, Graduate Design Studio, 6 credits  
Arch 515, Research Methods and Programming, 3 credits  
Arch 527, Site and Landscape Design, 3 credits  
Arch 531, Advanced Tectonics, 3 credits

**Spring: Semester two (12 credits)**

Arch 511, Graduate Design Studio, 6 credits  
Arch 525, History and Theory, 3 credits  
Arch 573, Ethics and Professional Practice, 3 credits

**Summer (4 credits)**

Arch 580, Internship/Travel/Independent Study

**Fall: Semester three (12 credits)**

Arch 513, Graduate Design Studio, 6 credits  
Arch 542, Issues in Architecture, 3 credits  
Elective (300 level or above), 3 credits

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Selection of Master of Architecture students is highly competitive and is made during the spring semester with initial coursework beginning the following fall semester.

All applicants must submit application materials by: **January 10.**

Notification of acceptance will be on or before **March 1.**

Required application materials include:

- Official Graduate School application and fee of \$50 (paid by Visa or MasterCard). Complete the application at: <http://www.gradsch.wsu.edu/howtoapply.htm>.
- Official transcripts from all colleges previously attended; a 3.0 minimum GPA in the last 60 graded semester hours or 90 graded quarter hours is required (WSU architecture students need not submit transcripts);
- Minimum TOEFL score of 550 paper-based or 213 computer based test (international applicants);
- Master of Architecture program application;
- Statement of program intentions;
- Portfolio of work in design and/or other visual arts;
  - The portfolio should provide the Master of Architecture review committee with an overall understanding of applicant's skills in the areas of design, drawing and representation, model making, and freehand drawing and diagramming. Other areas that may be included as appropriate are painting, sculpture, watercolor, and creative writing.

- All material must be submitted in an 8 ½ x 11" format in a three ring binder. Number of pages not to exceed 10 (double sided). Images should be placed in plastic inserts. A brief narrative should be used to explain and identify each work, and the context in which it was generated (course work, independent travel, etc.). If professional work is submitted, identify your role and specific involvement in the project. All work must show highest ability and skill. Portfolio should be clear, well organized and easily read. Include addressed envelope, with postage, if you want your portfolio returned. Graphic design of pages (layout, images, text) should be carefully considered.
- **Do not** submit slides and CD's, loose sheets, rolled drawings, original works, or lengthy reports or papers. Also, do not include the statement of intent, application, or other documents inside the portfolio. These should be submitted separately.
- Names and contact information for three references. Your references will automatically be contacted through the application system and asked to submit electronically a recommendation form. Since their recommendations will come directly to the Graduate School once they have submitted the electronic version, there is no need for a paper recommendation. Please contact these references to be sure they are willing to respond to your request for a recommendation and ask them to discuss your leadership, academic standards, and skills as they pertain to your primary interest area.
- And all other requirements of the WSU Graduate School as stated on the application form.

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

## Master of Architecture

Please Mail To:



Graduate Admissions Committee  
School of Architecture & Construction Mgt.  
PO Box 642220  
Pullman, WA 99164-2220  
Telephone: (509) 335-5539

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION to the Master of Architecture degree program for Fall Semester 200\_\_

Admission to the Master of Architecture Program is a competitive process in which applicants from different backgrounds are considered independently. Please identify:

Degree Program:

- ☐ 1 ½ year track: students with Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies from WSU or a professional accredited degree (B. Arch) from a NAAB accredited university
- ☐ 2 ½ year track: students with 4 year pre-professional degree in Architecture
- ☐ 3 ½ year track: students with non-Architecture bachelor's degree

Preference of campus location: Please reference # 8 on this application.

- ☐ Pullman
- ☐ Spokane
- ☐ No Preference

Type or print in ink. (Use the same name and mailing address entered on Graduate School Application for Admission form.)

### 1. Name

Last

First

Middle Initial

### 2. Address

Street Number

Home Phone Number

City

Work Phone Number

State

Zip

E-mail

### 3. List names of all post secondary schools attended including Washington State University, in order of attendance.

College/University

Location

Dates

Major, Degree, and date received or expected

### 4. List principal extra curricular activities in which you actively participated and offices held, if any:

### 5. List honors, awards, financial aid, publications, and professional organizations/registration:

### 6. List employment during or since post secondary schooling, most recent first please:

Employer

Dates

Nature of Work

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7. List of travel and other experiences not included in employment record:

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8. Statement of Program Intention:

Please present on one separate page (250-500 words) your reasons for pursuing graduate study in architecture at Washington State University. Discuss your personal values and beliefs regarding architecture and how you expect to build upon your ideas through your graduate studies. You may also include personal background information that may enhance your studies. If relevant, please indicate your rationale for campus location based upon resources available as they relate to your graduate project focus.

9. Writing Sample: Include a sample of a written essay or research paper on an architectural design topic (optional).

*Failure to submit complete and accurate information may result in denial of this application or dismissal from the University.*

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Signature

Date

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**CHECK LIST OF ADMISSION MATERIALS REQUIRED**

**Mail to:**

**Graduate School  
PO Box 641030  
Pullman, WA 99164-1030**

**See [www.gradsch.wsu.edu](http://www.gradsch.wsu.edu)  
for forms and directions**

- **Application** for Admission to the Graduate School and Financial Aid Form. Apply on-line at <http://www.gradsch.wsu.edu/howtoapply.htm>.
- **Application fee** (to accompany application) paid with Visa or MasterCard.
- **Transcripts**- Direct the registrar of each institution that you have attended to submit an official transcript of all completed courses. (Not Required of WSU students).
- **TOEFL Results:** Those applicants whose native language is other than English shall forward English Language Proficiency test results. WSU's institution code is 4705.
- **Three letters of recommendation** submitted through on-line application.

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**Mail to:**

**Graduate Admissions Committee  
School of Architecture & CM  
PO Box 642220  
Pullman, WA 99164-2220**

**See [www.arch.wsu.edu](http://www.arch.wsu.edu) for details  
and directions**

- **Application for Admission to the Master of Architecture Degree Program.**
- **Statement of Program Intentions.** See #8 above.
- **Portfolio of work in design and/or other visual arts.** Using high quality images, include examples of your academic work and professional work (if applicable). Include a brief narrative of each project. For professional work indicate your specific responsibility. Material should be submitted in an 8 ½ x 11 format and should be limited to ten pages. Portfolios will be returned as long as applicant provides a self addressed, postage paid envelope.

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Name

College/ Firm

Nature of Association


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The School encourages applicants to submit their application materials in ample time in order to be received by the departmental office on or before the deadline! Application materials received after the deadline may not be considered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify receipt of all application materials. Note: The School reserves the right to request personal interviews for candidates in order to further evaluate qualifications and potential.

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| LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM   | Master of Architecture   |
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|  | Please mail to:<br>Master of Architecture Admissions Committee<br>School of Architecture & Construction Management<br>PO Box 642220<br>Pullman, WA 99164-0220 USA<br>Telephone: (509) 335-5539 |

**NOTICE TO APPLICANT:**

Before giving this form to a person acquainted with your qualifications, please check and sign this statement in accordance with the Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974:

\_\_\_\_ I hereby waive my rights of access to this letter.

\_\_\_\_ I do not waive my rights of access to this letter. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This letter of recommendation is in support of \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                      First                      Middle Initial

For admission to the Master of Architecture degree program at Washington State University for fall semester 20\_\_\_\_.

| <b>NOTICE TO REFEREE:</b>  |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
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| Compared with other persons I have known at similar stages in their careers, the applicant is assessed as indicated: |  | Top 5% | Top 15% | Top 30% | Average | Marginal | Not Observed |
| Intellectual capacity and curiosity  |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
| Ability to apply analytical skills to problem solving  |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
| Ability to communicate in speech and writing   |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
| Ability to communicate by graphic/visual means   |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
| Evidence of general creativity and imagination   |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
| Ability to work with others  |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
| Motivation for proposed field of study   |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
| Emotional maturity and stability   |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
| Capacity for perseverance and hard work  |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |
| <b>OVERALL PROMISE</b>   |  |        |         |         |         |          |              |

Based on personal knowledge of the applicant over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months in my capacity as \_\_\_\_\_, my appraisal of his/her character, performance and potential for success in an architectural program is briefly summarized on the reverse side (or separate sheet as needed).

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

School or Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The graduate faculty of the Department of Architecture and Construction Management acknowledges and appreciates your interest.

Washington State University reaffirms its policy of equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran in accordance with University policy and applicable federal and state statutes and regulations.