

# Master of Architecture Application Package

Louisiana Tech School of Architecture

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## Summary of the Masters of Architecture Program at Louisiana Tech University

The deadline of applications is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Admission to the M.Arch. Program is for the summer and fall quarters only. In addition to meeting the general admission requirements of the Graduate School the applicant must possess a pre-professional undergraduate degree in architecture equivalent to the School of Architecture's Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies degree, a minimum 3.0 grade point average in all junior and senior level architecture studios, 3.0 average in the last 60 hours attempted toward the undergraduate degree, submit a portfolio, three letters of recommendation and a typed personal statement. Portfolio requirements along with other requirements are listed in this package.

Please see additional requirements for admission to the Graduate School. This requires a separate application: <http://www.latech.edu/graduateschool/>. The requirement for GRE test scores has been waived in lieu of other requirements. See the Louisiana Tech Bulletin, Chapter 15 for other Graduate School admission requirements.

Conditional Admission may be granted for those students who plan to complete their internship and earn a B.S. by the end of the Summer Quarter, Session II. Students will not be admitted to the Graduate School for the Fall Quarter without a B.S. in Architecture.

### Curriculum

The graduate program in Architecture is a non-thesis one-year plan of study focused around a single comprehensive project. The program allows the serious student an opportunity to study a specific area of interest related to a design project. Each student is assigned an advisor and must submit a plan of study within the first week of the Fall Quarter.

### Master of Architecture (M.Arch)

ARCH 510	Comprehensive Design I	5
ARCH 520	Comprehensive Design II	5
ARCH 530	Comprehensive Design III	5
ARCH 548	Professional Practice Seminar	2
Electives*		13
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Total Required Credits		30

*\*Electives must be 500 level or above or 400G level classes with approval from advisor.*

## Portfolio Requirements for Application to the Master of Architecture Program

A portfolio is required from all applicants for the M. Arch. Program. 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 Masters of Architecture program. The portfolio is to consist of reproductions of original work, no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches in a binder with a maximum size of 10 x 14 inches. Do not submit slides, three dimensional work (this should be photographed), disks or original drawings. Portfolios are due in the Architecture Office by May 1<sup>st</sup> with School of Architecture application for admission in the following Summer or Fall Quarter.

The portfolio must contain at least 15 examples (pages) of your work but no more than 25. Include the following:

- A minimum of three examples of *separate* upper level architecture studio projects. You may have several prints from one project, but there must be a representation of three different projects in this category.
- Examples of freehand drawing, painting or other freehand techniques. These may be included in the above upper level studio project representation.
- Examples of technical architectural drawing representing building systems and details. These may also be included in the above upper level studio project representation.
- In addition, examples of professional and other creative work are encouraged.
- The portfolio must include a cover sheet with a) name of the applicant b) date undergraduate degree is expected to be awarded c) institution where undergraduate degree was earned and d) location and date of other degrees earned. Insert the coversheet at the beginning of the portfolio.
- Each page/sheet of the portfolio must be clearly labeled with name of project, date, class and a one sentence description. If the project represented is a team project, it must be clearly stated. The names of each team member should be included along with an explanation of the specific work carried out by the applicant.
- Include a stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of the portfolio. Any portfolio submitted for admission becomes the property of the program and will be returned to the applicant at the discretion of the Architecture Office. Portfolios without a return envelope and postage may be discarded after the first week of the following Fall Quarter. Portfolios may be mailed to the School of Architecture or dropped off at the Architecture Office.