

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

Admission to the M.Arch. program is for the Fall quarter only and, due to the required review of each applicant, the application deadline is May 1st. In addition to meeting the general admission requirements of the Graduate School the applicant must possess a pre-professional undergraduate degree in architecture, a minimum 3.0 grade point average in all required Architecture Studios 300 level and above (or equivalent) for the pre-professional degree, 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)

Fall Quarter

ARCH 510	Comprehensive Design I	5
Electives		5
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		10

Winter Quarter

ARCH 520	Comprehensive Design II	5
Electives		5
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		10

Spring Quarter

ARCH 530	Comprehensive Design III	5
ARCH 548	Prof. Practice Seminar	2 <i>(this will take the place of ARCH 491)</i>
Electives		3
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		10

Total Credit Hours for Graduation **30**

**Electives may include 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 1st with School of Architecture application for admission in the following 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.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

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 if you are an international student

See http://www.latech.edu/graduateschool/admissions_appl_requirements.shtml (Application Requirements)

Please note that GRE test scores are waived for M.Arch. applicants.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE M.ARCH PROGRAM (Send to Graduate Coordinator, School of Architecture)

_____ Cover letter/statement as to why you would like to pursue the M. Arch. degree

_____ Three recommendation forms to be submitted in sealed envelopes

_____ Portfolio containing 15-25 prints (see PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS)

_____ 3.0 GPA in all upper level architecture studios (310,320, 410 and 420) (Substitutes for ARCH 330 and 430 may not be tabulated for the required studio GPA).

_____ Application for Graduate Assistantship, if desired

_____ Self-addressed stamped envelope for return of portfolios

_____ Deadline: May 1st

Director of Graduate Admissions
Louisiana Tech University
PO Box 7923 TB
Ruston, LA 71272
(318) 257-2924

Graduate Coordinator
Louisiana Tech University School of Architecture
PO Box 3147
Ruston, LA 71272
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**RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE**

This section is to be completed by applicant before being given to the recommender

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Recommender _____ title _____

OPTIONAL WAIVER OF RIGHT TO ACCESS

I understand that the information below may be used by the University in deciding upon admission to the Master of Architecture Program and I hereby waive any and all rights of access to the statement I might have under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 or other related laws or policies.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

RECOMMENDER: Please rate the applicant, compared with others whom you have known at similar stages in their careers by placing an "x" in the proper box.

	UNKNOWN	POOR	AVERAGE	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Produces projects of high quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graphic communication skills in design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work independently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to conduct research and solve architectural design tasks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation toward career goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meets schedule demands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contributes to group discussions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knowledge and intellectual ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you would like to elaborate on any qualities you feel are appropriate to this application please feel free to explain on the reverse of this letter or on a separate sheet.

NAME OF RESPONDENT _____ POSITION _____

PHONE _____ INSTITUTION OR FIRM _____

ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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