MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

A professional degree program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)
ARCHITECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

› Collaborative, multidisciplinary program combining theory and practice.
› Relates to the University’s mission of “public purpose” in civic, social, and professional realms.

The Department of Architecture at the University of Hartford is a diverse community of practitioners, teachers, and students dedicated to educating future architectural professionals and growing the knowledge base of the profession. Our commitment is to engage architecture in its civic, social, and professional realms for the ultimate benefit of the built environment and those who use it.

INTEGRATED LEARNING

To further address cross-disciplinary and integrated development, the architecture department supports several combined degree programs of study in conjunction with other University graduate programs in business, communication, engineering, and art.

Educational Requirements for Licensure

In the United States, most state 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 U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an 8-year, 4-year, or 2-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may consist of a preprofessional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education; however, the preprofessional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The challenge in architecture graduate programs is to ensure that integrative learning takes place, and that students can approach an architectural project with a range of skills beyond design. Our design studio curriculum addresses:

› history and theory
› problem solving
› critical thinking
› documentation skills
› problem definition
› presentation skills
› creativity and design
› cross-disciplinary teamwork
The Master of Architecture program is a 64-credit, two-year, full-time program. The schedule of coursework is as follows:

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**ACADEMIC PURSUITS**
For our students interested in academic research, we have successfully supported and assisted efforts to participate in academic conferences and symposiums. Students have presented at local and national conferences.

**TRAVEL**
We have multiple formal and informal travel opportunities within the program including class trips to New York, N.Y.; Boston, Mass.; Providence, R.I.; Burlington, Vt.; Montreal, QC; Florence, Italy; Istanbul, Turkey; Valencia, Spain; Barcelona, Spain; and Cuba.

**INDUSTRY CONTACTS**
Our program has strong ties with the local and regional architecture, construction, and engineering community, fostering learning, networking, and employment opportunities. Students are heavily involved in the Connecticut chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students, and the Construction Institute.
HOW TO APPLY

Graduate Symposium

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admission review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials should be sent to the following address:

Graduate Admission Office
CC231
University of Hartford
200 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117 USA

The following items are required:

- An online application. Visit hartford.edu/grad-apply.
- A non-refundable application fee of $50 for domestic students.
- Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework, forwarded directly to the University of Hartford.
- International transcripts must be evaluated through the World Education Services/WES at wes.org.
- A letter of aspiration as specified.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- A digital portfolio of representative school work in architecture or professional architectural projects uploaded in the online application, as described in the application.
- A letter of recommendation (optional).

The University of Hartford test code number is 3436. Visit TOEFL at ets.org.

TOEFL—Official score to be submitted.

Minimum score: 550 paper-based or 80 internet-based. The Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum score is a 58. Visit the PTE at pearsonpte.com. The IELTS is also accepted. Visit IELTS at ielts.org.

PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

The portfolio should demonstrate the applicant’s ability in architectural design and graphic communication. In addition to traditional examples in architectural design, sketches, renderings, and construction documents, work may include examples of architectural history and theory, structures, building technology, and other related areas. Professional work may also be included, but a letter from the employer clearly stating the extent of the applicant’s contribution must be attached. Portfolios should be uploaded digitally as PDF’s.

DEADLINES AND DATES

Admission into the Master of Architecture program occurs in the fall semester only. Rolling admission may remain open until the start of the fall semester; the priority admission deadline is February 1.

The admission committee will review complete applications in the order in which they are received. Students who wish to explore the program prior to formal admission may enroll in up to 6 credits of graduate course work (except for studio courses).

COSTS OF ATTENDANCE

See attached insert or visit hartford.edu/gradtuition.

FINANCIAL AID

Domestic Student Financial Aid

Domestic graduate students may qualify for Federal Family Education Loans and must satisfy three requirements in order to be eligible for financial aid:

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), fafsa.gov, for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Be matriculated into a graduate degree-granting program (not conditionally-accepted).
- Be registered for at least 6 credits per semester. For more information, call 800.947.4303, email finaid@hartford.edu, or visit admission.hartford.edu/finaid.

International Student Financial Aid

Financial aid for international graduate students is currently available as Graduate Assistantships. These assistantships are administered by the individual departments throughout the University and vary in size and availability.

Assistantships and Fellowships

The Department of Architecture may offer tuition scholarships and graduate assistantships to entering and returning students on a student-funds available basis. Please note: assistantships, fellowships, or other support a student receives as a result of his or her enrollment may have an impact on Federal Stafford Loan eligibility.
TAI SOO KIM TRAVELING FELLOWSHIPS
The Tai Soo Kim Traveling Fellowship was established by Connecticut-based architect Tai Soo Kim (Honorary '15), exclusively for second-year University of Hartford Architecture Graduate Students to encourage the independent study of architecture. Recipients can travel anywhere in the world for a month, as long as their program of study includes an enrichment and service component.

Master of Architecture students Jillian Tomaselli M’16 and Ryan Glick M’16 were awarded a TSK Traveling Fellowship for European travel to research cross laminated timber (CLT), a new sustainable building technology.

Other recipients traveled to:

- Southeast Asia and Cambodia to study Angkor and the Khmer Empire
- Germany and Demark to study 3D Printing Construction
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to study Favelas
- Olympic Sites to study Repurposed Structures
- Pacific Northwest to study Heavy Timber Construction
- Morocco and Spain to study Building Styles
- Scandinavia to study Modular Construction
- Mongolia to study Buddhist Temples
- Mexico to study Prefabricated Construction

The Graduate Admission Office would be happy to provide more specific information about a degree program or answer any other questions you may have. Please contact the office by email at GradStudy@hartford.edu or by phone at 860.768.4371 or 800.945.0712.

For more specific information regarding the Architecture Department, please contact:
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Graduate program events are held throughout the year. Open Houses are held in August and January. Learn more at hartford.edu/gradevents

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