

Master of Architecture: MArch 2

This four-semester program is for strong architectural design students beginning their studies who hold baccalaureate degrees in architecture (a BS in Architecture, typically, or a professional degree from outside of the United States). Students are considered for placement in the MArch 2 curriculum on the basis of design portfolio evaluation and the extent of their undergraduate architectural studies. **Placement in this curriculum is highly selective.** The MArch 2 program begins with the final comprehensive core studio (ARCH 419) and concludes with the Degree Project. This 75-credit program leads to a professionally accredited Master of Architecture degree.

Waiver Requirements

Students admitted to the MArch 2 program have the opportunity to waive the following courses:

- Building Systems (ARCH 445)
- Structures I (ARCH 447A)
- Structures II (ARCH 448A)
- Architectural History I: Antiquity to Baroque (ARCH 4280)
- Architectural History II: Architecture Since 1880 (ARCH 4284)
- Environmental Systems I (ARCH 438)
- Environmental Systems II (ARCH 439)

Students must obtain a waiver prior to the semester in which they would normally be expected to take the course that is being waived. In other words, students may not skip a required course on the assumption that they will receive a waiver for it in the future.

Any such waiver requires evidence that the student had adequate exposure to the required material as part of their previous academic experience. Course waivers will only be granted for an equivalent course or a combination of courses completed satisfactorily to meet NAAB-accredited student performance criteria. Equivalence is measured in terms of both content and assignments. Waivers will not be granted for courses taken pass/fail. To be eligible for a waiver, prior course work must have been passed with the equivalent of a grade of C or higher. Grades for waived courses will not appear on the student's Washington University record and will not figure into the student's GPA.

Up to 6 credits (two courses) of waivers can be applied toward required degree credits. If more than two waivers are granted, the student must earn an equivalent number of general elective credits in place of the courses being waived.

Please note that admitted MArch2 students *must* waive at least one of the courses listed above *or* they must take both Structures I and Structures II during the first summer of their program.