

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG****Master of Architecture Curriculum (MArch)****CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT 2016-2017****Overview**

Candidates entering the Master of Architecture curriculum in the academic year 2016-17 will take a total of 144 credits for the 2-year full time curriculum. All curriculum courses are 6 credit courses with the exception of the Design Studios which are 18 credits each. A range of 120-180 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity) is the norm for a 6-credit course. Candidates must complete 360-540 hours of student learning activity (including both contact hours and all other forms of student learning activity) for a 18-credit course. Contact hours for each course vary depending on the diversity of modes of learning and assessment.

The Master of Architecture curriculum includes a professional core of 114 credits, including 72 credits of Architecture and Urban Design courses and 42 credits of Seminar courses in key topics of the discipline and profession. In addition, candidates are required to take 30 credits of elective courses, in the categories of History and Theory, Urbanism and Habitation, Technology and Sustainability, Digital Media and Design Computation, Practice and Management, and Independent Studies.

All design, core and elective courses are semester long courses with each academic year comprising of two semesters. Courses may also be offered in an optional summer semester after the First Year. Courses utilize a variety of modes of assessment including design presentations, portfolios, case studies, reading analyses, written assignments, research papers, visual projects, integrated coursework, and examinations. Most courses are assessed 100% by continuous assessment, though examinations may comprise up to 60% of assessment in some courses.

## Design Courses

Each 18-credit design course requires approximately 360-540 hours of student learning activities in one semester. Design courses are assessed through design reviews and portfolios that evaluate the coursework through quality of analysis, quality of design, comprehensiveness of design process, clarity of ideas, and the effectiveness of communication and presentation. Within the total student learning hours, approximately 96 contact hours of instruction are required in order to achieve stated learning outcomes within the curriculum. 100% continuous assessment. The total written output varies among different courses and ranges from 0 to 10,000 words.

ARCH7071	Architecture and Urban Design I	18 Credits
ARCH7072	Architecture and Urban Design II	18 Credits
ARCH8071	Architecture and Urban Design III	18 Credits
ARCH8072	Architecture and Urban Design IV	18 Credits
	Subtotal:	72 Credits

## Core Courses

Each 6-credit core seminar course requires approximately 120-180 hours of student learning activities in one semester. Core courses are assessed through a variety of modes including class presentations, case studies, reading analysis, written assignments, research papers, visual projects, integrated coursework, and examinations. Approximately 36 contact hours of instruction are required in order to achieve stated learning outcomes within the curriculum. 100% continuous assessment. Except ARCH7073 Professional Practice I and ARCH8073 Professional Practice II: 40-60% continuous assessment and 40-60% written examination. The total written output varies among different courses and ranges from 200 to 5,000 words.

ARCH7074	Architecture and its Discourses	6 Credits
ARCH7076	Advanced Structural Systems	6 Credits
ARCH7077	Design and Construction Communication	6 Credits
ARCH7075	Design and Technology of Sustainable Buildings	6 Credits
ARCH8074	Pre-thesis Seminar	6 Credits
ARCH7073	Professional Practice I	6 Credits
ARCH8073	Professional Practice II	6 Credits
	Subtotal:	42 Credits

## Elective Courses

Each 6-credit elective course requires approximately 120-180 hours of student learning activities in one semester. Elective courses are assessed through a variety of modes including class presentations, case studies, reading analysis, written assignments, research papers, visual projects, integrated coursework, and examinations. Approximately 36 contact hours of instruction are required in order to achieve stated learning outcomes within the curriculum. Candidates shall be guided in selecting these courses. Candidates may not choose more than two courses each from Categories I-V below and a maximum of one Independent Studies course during the duration of the curriculum. 100% continuous assessment. Except ARCH7561 Principles and Practices of Building Codes: 40-60% continuous assessment and 40-60% written examination. The total written output varies among different courses and ranges from 0 to 5,000 words.

I:	History and Theory	6 Credits Each Course
II:	Urbanism and Habitation	6 Credits Each Course
III:	Technology and Sustainability	6 Credits Each Course
IV:	Digital Media and Design Computation	6 Credits Each Course
V:	Practice and Management	6 Credits Each Course
VI:	Independent Studies	6 Credits Each Course
Total Five Elective Courses Required		Subtotal: 30 Credits

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