THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Master of Architecture Curriculum (MArch)

CREDIT UNIT STATEMENT

Overview

Candidates entering the MArch curriculum in the 2023-24 academic year and thereafter will take a total of 144 credits for the two years full time curriculum. All curriculum courses are 6 credit courses with the exception of the Design courses 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) respectively for a 18-credit design course. Contact hours for each course vary depending on the diversity of modes of learning and assessment. The total student learning hours for the MArch curriculum is 2880 - 4320 hours, including contact hours, study time, assignment and assessment. The total contact hours for the MArch curriculum are around 780 hours.

The MArch curriculum requires 144 credits, including 72 credits of Design courses and 48 credits of Core Seminar courses in key topics of the discipline and profession. In addition, candidates are required to take 24 credits of elective courses, in the categories of History and Theory, Urbanisation and Habitation, Technology and Sustainability, Digital Media and Fabrication, and Practice and Management.

All design, core and elective courses are semester long courses with each academic year comprising of two semesters. Courses may also be offered in the 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 respectively 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 respectively for each 18-credit design course in order to achieve the stated learning outcomes within the curriculum. Assessment is by 100% continuous assessment. The total

written output varies among different courses and ranges from 0 to 10,000 words for each 18-credit design course.

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 and integrated coursework. Approximately 36 contact hours of instruction are required in order to achieve stated learning outcomes within the curriculum. Assessment is by 100% continuous assessment. The total written output varies among different courses and ranges from 200 to 5,000 words.

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 shall pass four elective courses and enroll in no more than two elective courses in any of the categories, unless otherwise permitted by the Head of Department. Assessment is by 100% continuous assessment, except for ARCH7561 Principles and Practices of Building Codes which is comprised of 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.

Categories:

I.	History and Theory	6 Credits Each Course
II.	Urbanisation and Habitation	6 Credits Each Course
III.	Technology and Sustainability	6 Credits Each Course
IV.	Digital Media and Fabrication	6 Credits Each Course
V.	Practice and Management	6 Credits Each Course

Total Four Elective Courses Required   Subtotal: 24 Credits

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