GRADUATE STUDY IN ARCHITECTURE

Graduate studies in architecture at Georgia Tech are comprised of four distinct degree-granting programs:

- Master of Architecture (http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/programs/march) (M.Arch.)
- Master of Science in Urban Design (http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/programs/urban-design-msud) (MSUD)
- Master of Science in Architecture (http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/programs/architecture-ms) (MS Arch) with several possible research emphases, and the
- Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Architecture (http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/programs/architecture-phd) (PhD).

The M.Arch. Program is the professional program in architecture leading to the NAAB-accredited Master of Architecture degree. This program accommodates both a two-year curriculum for those students with a four-year, pre-professional degree in architecture and a three-and-a-half-year curriculum for those students without a pre-professional degree in architecture.

The MSUD Program is oriented to those who wish to expand upon their previous professional education and professional experience, as architects, landscape architects, city planners, or civil engineers, and to enter urban design practices either in private firms or public agencies. The program is interdisciplinary in nature, offering an interdisciplinary experience, with required courses in urban design, architecture, and city planning, with additional opportunities in civil and environmental engineering, real estate development, heritage preservation, and other fields. Students in the MSUD Program are in daily contact with architecture and planning students and faculty throughout the College of Architecture. The MSUD program requires a minimum of 39 credit hours of coursework.

The MS Program is a nonprofessional, research-oriented degree program that requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of coursework. Current research areas are available in Digital Design & Fabrication, High Performance Buildings, and Health & Design. These MS programs are linked with the M.Arch. program through a rich array of studios and courses that engage particular aspects of architectural knowledge and practice.

Within the School of Architecture, the PhD with a major in Architecture develops knowledge and technologies that

- enhances design imagination, design evaluation, and the design process;
- articulates design choices and predicts the consequences of design decisions;
- helps to learn from precedents;
- supports better building performance; and
- situates the practice of architecture within a critical understanding of culture, history, and the profession.

Our program includes research emphases in

- Design Computation;
- Evidence-Based Design;

In each of these research areas, we intersect the perspectives of architectural design, science, technology, and the humanities even as we expect individual research projects to rigorously pursue specific disciplinary agendas. With fifty-two students currently enrolled and more than seventy graduates (1987-2010), we are one of the largest PhD programs in architecture in the country.

For more information about graduate programs in the School of Architecture, please contact

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Graduate students in architecture are eligible to participate in two College of Design-affiliated foreign study programs.

1. The first is the Graduate Summer Program in Europe - Modern Architecture and the Modern City, which has a primary focus on modern and contemporary architecture in Spain, Germany, and Denmark.
2. The second is the Summer Study in Greece and Italy Program, which focuses on architecture, painting, and sculpture at a variety of sites in Greece and Italy.