

# CURRICULUM GUIDE

Setting a path for your future education

## // MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

### DESIGN THEORY EMPHASIS

The graduate emphasis in Design Theory enables the student to study specific issues in architectural and urban theory and history. The studies are not based on a rigidly defined set of theoretical courses, but an association of the student's academic interests and faculty expertise. In general, studies consist of the development of a theoretical framework, through selected courses and readings, which is subsequently used as an instrument for the analysis and examination of a particular architectural or urban phenomenon. The so defined inquiry ranges qualitatively from the poetic and speculative to the applicative and pragmatic. Analytical methods encompass a wide range of potential techniques from critical literature review to in-depth building design.

### REQUIRED CURRICULUM CREDITS

#### NON-THESIS OPTION

ARCH 715	Topics in Architecture Seminar	3
ARCH 725	Architecture Research Methods	3
ARCH 830	Advanced Architectural Studies	5-8
	Departmental Electives	10-13
	Other Electives	6
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>30</b>

#### THESIS OPTION

ARCH 715	Topics in Architecture Seminar	3
ARCH 725	Architecture Research Methods	3
ARCH 899	Thesis	8
	Departmental Electives	9
	Other Electives	7
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>30</b>

### RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE CREDITS

Students consult with their advisors to select courses that match their educational and research objectives. Appropriate graduate-level history and theory courses will be identified each semester from among current course offerings. Normally, at least one three-hour course on an aspect of contemporary architecture is taken by students in the design theory option. It is recommended that international students take one or more courses concerned with American architecture and urbanism. The Design Theory emphasis requires nine of the 16 elective credits be taken within the discipline; seven may be taken outside the Department of Architecture. Outside electives should be related to the student's overall program of study, to reinforce or complement other courses and their thesis topic.

ARCH 700	Topics in History of Designed Environment	3
ARCH 711	Topics in Architectural Design Methods	3
ARCH 715	Topics in Architecture Seminar	3
ARCH 815	Planning Theory, Ethics and Practice	3

### NOTES

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FOR GRADUATION