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Master of Architecture

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Can I work part-time while I take this program?

Some students do work part-time while taking the program, but we don't recommend it. This program, especially in its first year, is very intense, and students who have to work really struggle.

Can I take the program part-time?

We only offer a full-time version. Some students have elected to add a year by simply not taking a full course load. Again, this is not recommended.

How intense is the program? It does not look like a lot of courses!

It's very intense! Expectations are high, especially in the studio. We find that students who completed their undergraduate education outside of North America are particularly shocked by the intensity of the program.

I have a degree in another field. Am I eligible for the program?

In general, no. You should be competent in all areas of building design and construction when you apply to the program. This mostly means that in order to be accepted into the program you must have completed an undergraduate degree within an accredited program in architecture - and even then, we may require extra coursework.

If your degree is in Interior Design, for example, you are not eligible and would need to do one to three years of additional undergraduate work, depending on the particulars of your transcript. The same can be said for degrees in Engineering, Urban Planning, Environmental Design and so on. If you have doubts, take a look at the Ryerson B.Arch. Sci. program. If your degree had most of the same courses, you are probably eligible; if it did not, you are not.

My degree is from another country. Am I eligible for the program?

Yes, as long as it is an accredited degree in your country. We will review your transcript and portfolio and almost certainly require additional coursework if you are accepted.

I failed my TOEFL test. Can I get a waiver?

No. Students who have weak English skills have a very difficult time in this program. Take a year to study English first, then apply.

Can I get advanced credit?

No. The program is a considered whole, not just a set of courses. In rare cases, students may be given credit for work done at another institution, but must obtain the approval of the Program Director *prior to undertaking these studies*.

Can I start in the Winter?

No. The program has been designed to run in the normal sequence, and Ryerson only admits graduate students in September.

Does the thesis have to be a building?

No. You have already shown us that you can design a building before you start your ThesisProject. The ThesisProject is an investigation into an architectural issue or idea, with an appropriate design project.

Where is the Research Studio being held in 2013?

The locations for the research studio are chosen during the Winter semester of the preceding year, and so have not yet been chosen for 2013. In 2011, one studio will be held in Ghana with a second studio operating in Toronto. Locations are chosen based on proposals submitted by Ryerson faculty, and normally one studio is held in Canada for students who cannot travel internationally.

How much does the program cost?

Tuition is set by the University Board of Governors in the summer each year. However, this year's fees can be found on the Ryerson website.

Is there any funding available?

Every year we distribute about \$180,000 in funding to students. In addition, there are Graduate (teaching) Assistantships and Research Assistantships available.

Is this degree accredited? If not, when will it be?

The Ryerson program in architecture is fully accredited by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB), effective January 1, 2010. The Program was granted a three-year term, with the next accreditation visit happening in 2013.

In Canada, all provincial associations recommend a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The CACB, which is the sole agency authorized to accredit Canadian professional degree programmes in architecture, recognizes two types of accredited degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture and the Master of Architecture. A programme may be granted a six-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on its degree of conformance with established educational standards.

Masters degree programs, such as the Ryerson M.Arch., may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree, which, when earned sequentially, comprise an accredited professional education. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

FAQS

1. Supplementary Admission Data Form

Please fill out the attached Master of Architecture (MArch) Supplementary Admission Data form, which can be found in this package.

2. Letters of Recommendation

A minimum of two Letters of Recommendation are required for each application.

IMPORTANT!

A new online referee portal is now available for the fall 2012 session. You will be asked to complete the referee page on the online application form with their contact information including an active institution e-mail address. Your referee will be contacted electronically within 5-7 business days of your application submission with further instructions.

Reference letters are a key component of your application package and a close attention must be paid prior to selecting a referee. It is also your responsibility to contact the referee before filling out the online application form to confirm their availability.

Your referees should have the ability to comment on your past achievements and your potential as a graduate student. In most cases, the referees will be former professors or research supervisors familiar with your abilities. If you have been out of school for a significant period of time, a letter from an employer may be more appropriate.

Applicants who have graduated from the Ryerson B.Arch.Sci. in 2010, 2011 or 2012 are not required to submit letters of reference.

3. Statement of Intent

You are required to submit a brief written statement of about 500 words outlining your research interests within the discipline of architecture. Your statement should relate to one or more of the Research Areas of the program (attached to this document). What is the role of the architectural profession in the coming decades? As the program will use this statement to determine the availability of an appropriate Supervisor, you should try to be as precise as possible.

4. Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Résumé

Please submit an updated CV or résumé highlighting your education, work experience, skills, awards and publications.

5. Portfolio

The Portfolio is a collection of your work that demonstrates your high level of competence in all aspects of architectural design and representation. It is probably the most important single piece of documentation that you will submit in this application, and should receive significant attention both in terms of content and design. It should include both work done at school and as a professional.

Format

1. The portfolio must be presented in a bound document, letter (8 ½ x 11) or A4 size. Pay attention to the design of the document.
2. The portfolio must include the following information on the front cover:
 1. The words "Master of Architecture Portfolio"
 2. Your name
 3. Your mailing address, telephone number, email address, and other contact information.
3. Page two of the portfolio must be the completed Statement of Authorship (attached to this document).
4. The portfolio may include up to thirty additional pages (printed on one side) or fifteen additional pages printed on both sides. The portfolio may include images of creative work in any media. Please note that the portfolios will not be returned. Digital media such as CDs and DVDs will not normally be reviewed; if your work is heavily video-based, please contact the Program Director prior to submitting your application.
5. Remember, graphic design and package design do matter.
6. All work must be clearly labeled. Identify the name/title of the work or project, the medium and date of work, and provide any other information regarding the work submitted. If work was produced in a professional context, identify your specific role or roles on the project.
7. Any materials not included in the bound portfolio will be discarded. Do not submit original models, furniture, sculpture, etc.

supporting documents

Your application will not be considered complete and will not be reviewed until these items have been received by the School of Graduate Studies!

Please submit all required items in one package.

Don't forget to write "Architecture" on the outside of your application package

(referees will be contacted by Ryerson upon submission of the online application form)

- Hard copy of your signed .pdf application from printed from the online application (2 copies)
- Supplementary Admission Data Form (2 copies)
- Statement of Intent (2 copies)
- Résumé (2 copies)
- All Official Transcripts (2 official copies)
- Portfolio with completed Statement of Authorship
- English Proficiency Test Score (if applicable)

Important: Incomplete applications will NOT be processed and will not be reviewed by the Program. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all required documentation is submitted correctly and promptly.

NOTES:

1. Applicants who submit all required documentation by January 13, 2012 will be given first consideration for admission. Complete applications received after this date will be considered until all positions have been filled.
2. Ryerson reserves the right to withdraw or cancel programs or courses due to a lack of enrolment.
3. For further information about the program, please contact the graduate program administrator at 416-979-5000 ext. 2676, or e-mail march@ryerson.ca.
4. For further information about your application, please contact the Graduate Admissions Office at 416-979-5150, gradadmit@ryerson.ca or visit www.ryerson.ca/graduate/admissions.

application checklist

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Statement of Authorship

M.Arch. Portfolio

This form must be included as Page 2 of the applicant's Portfolio. Portfolios which do not contain this form will not be reviewed.

_____, hereby certify that the
(PLEASE PRINT)

work submitted in my portfolio for review is entirely of my own hand, or, where produced in collaboration with others, has been clearly identified as such.

Signed:

Dated:

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sustainable design

We are faced with unprecedented environmental and economic challenges on a global scale. How do we ensure that our world is available for the use and enjoyment of future generations? How do we create a built environment that offers a better quality of life to more people? Beyond the design of energy-efficient buildings, our holistic view of social, cultural and economic sustainability looks to uncover and design the new infrastructures that will be needed to build a healthy, vital future.



emerging technologies

Technological developments of recent years have altered society and significantly changed the practice of architecture. Digital fabrication, parametric design and mass customization offer novel form-making tools for designers as well as buildings with enhanced performative qualities. How can architecture respond to the hybridization of real and virtual spaces to enrich human experience? How do we harness and mobilize these tools for the future?



global communities

Telecommunications, transportation and trade networks are exploding in number and traffic. What is the meaning of *community* in a globally connected world? Our studios in Toronto as well as Brazil, China, Turkey and elsewhere investigate the increasingly charged relationship between the local and the global. What new methods does an architect need to practice in such a world?

research areas

Supplementary Admissions Data

Complete all sections. TYPE or PRINT carefully. Read and follow the attached Instruction Sheet.
 Include all submissions. Applications without the correct fee payment will not be processed.

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| Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> | Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> | Last Name | First Name |
| Miss <input type="checkbox"/> | Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

To ensure you receive your Ryerson University School of Graduate Studies emails, please add grdadmit@ryerson.ca and march@ryerson.ca to your address book!
 e-mail:

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| Program Option: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full-time | Previous Ryerson Student ID Number (if applicable): | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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| Funding from External Sources: | list any Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants and other financial awards you hold or have applied for to support your graduate studies. |
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| Letters of Recommendation: Please list the names and contact information of your referees. | Name | Institution or Firm | Address | e-mail address |
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| If your undergraduate degree is from outside of Canada, does it satisfy the educational requirements for architectural licensure in your home country? | YES | NO |
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| If your undergraduate degree is from outside of Canada, has your education been evaluated by the CACB? | YES | NO |
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