

ARCHITECTURE (MARCH)

Description

Graduate degrees in Architecture are for students who want to pursue a research-based career in architecture, such as teaching or research-based design work. The accredited professional degree (M.Arch. (<http://architecture.unl.edu/prospective-student/professional-programs/>)) is for students who want to become a professional architect.

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted a 8-year, 6-year, 3-year, or 2-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Master's degree programs may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

Here at UNL, the Bachelor of Science in Design is a pre-professional degree and a necessary component of the professional program which culminates with the Master of Architecture degree. The Master of Architecture degree is the first professional degree. The professional Master of Architecture degree is fully accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB).

Program-Related Information

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Program Website

<https://architecture.unl.edu/prospective-student/graduate-programs>
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Applying for Admission

Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.

If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.

When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.

- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

Additional requirements specific to this program

- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume/CV (optional)
- Personal Statement: This brief statement should describe your learning goals and professional aspirations (max 500 words).
- Portfolio: A multi-page PDF of personal design work is required for 2-year program applicants, optional for 3-year program applicants.
- Assistantship application: If interested in applying for an assistantship, complete the assistantship application (<https://architecture.unl.edu/sites/unl.edu.architecture/files/media/file/TA-Application.pdf>) and upload it.

Admission Application Deadlines

- For full financial consideration, students must apply by January 15 for Fall and November 1 for Spring.
- Otherwise: Rolling Admission.