MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE
DECLARING A PROFESSIONAL FOCUS

Master of Architecture students are required to declare a professional focus. This requirement can be fulfilled by completing credits in an approved cluster of courses, by completing required coursework for a specialization, or by earning a graduate certificate. MS and PhD students may also pursue degree specializations and certificates. Students pursuing concurrent degrees in Architecture and Interior Architecture are not required to complete a professional focus.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**CLUSTER**
15 credits within cluster, taken as part of requirements for degree.
Submit a **Study Cluster Form** at least one quarter prior to graduating.

**SPECIALIZATION**
16 Credits of approved courses and studios, taken as part of requirements for degree with grades of B or better or P.
Submit an **Intention for Specialization Form** in the first year of study and submit a **Graduate Specialization Declaration Form** by the mid-way point in your program.

**CERTIFICATE**
24 credits of approved courses: 12 credits taken as part of requirements for degree and 12 additional credits.
Work with faculty certificate program director to develop a study plan. Submit a **Graduate Specialization Declaration Form** by the mid-way point in your program.

**OPTIONS**

Pre-approved clusters or construct your own with advising.

**CREDENTIAL**
Can be included in resume or portfolio.

Appears on transcript

Coursework based in Eugene
Coursework based in PDX

Department of Architecture:
- Ecological Design Certificate
- Technical Teaching Certificate

History of Art & Architecture:
- Museum Studies
- New Media and Culture

Planning & Public Policy Management:
- Nonprofit Management
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PRE-APPROVED CLUSTERS

Architectural Media
Media for Design Development (beyond the required course in this area) including digital media at the 500-level or above, Watercolor, Diagramming, and Perspectives, etc., as well as Working Drawings for Interior Architecture.

Architectural History & Theory

Craft and Fabrication
Courses taught recently that fall into this category include: Digital Fabrication, Imagining the City of Bits, Post Industrial Craftsmanship, Light Modeling and Material Studies, Oregon BILDS, Kinetic Architecture, Design and Detail, Engineering Complexity, Design for Custom Cabinetry and Furniture, Light and Shadow, and Portland AA craft & fabrication courses.

Housing
Courses taught recently that fall into this category include: Housing Prototypes, Community Design, Housing Design, Minimal Dwelling, Residential Construction, Scandinavian Housing, Oregon BILDS, and Affordable Housing.

Interior Architecture
Courses taught recently that fall into this category include: Scandinavian Furniture, Furniture and Accessories, Scandinavian Design, Electrical Lighting, Daylighting, Furniture Theory and Analysis, Interior Design Studio, Design for Custom Cabinetry and Furniture. If an architecture student takes a course that is required for the Master of Interior Architecture degree, but not for the Master of Architecture degree, it may count as an approved course for a cluster. These include: Interior Construction Elements, Color Theory, etc.

Human and Social Contexts of Design
Courses taught recently that fall into this category include: Post-Occupancy Evaluation, Architectural Programming, Cognitive and Real-Time Mapping, Telling Spaces, Environmental Health, Community Design, Architect as Developer, and Preservation Economics.

Technology and Sustainable Technology

Place, Urban Design and Sustainable Urbanism

Landscape Architecture
Courses taught recently that fall into this category include: Grading and Drainage; Ecological Design and Planning; Landscape Technology; Landscape: Green Roofs; Landscape Planning and Analysis; Wind, Rain, Urban Water; and Landscapes Over Structures.

Historic Preservation
Courses taught recently that fall into this category include Interior Architecture Studios with an historic preservation focus as well as elective courses offered by the HP program. If an architecture student takes a course that is required for the Master of Historic Preservation degree, but not for the Master of Architecture degree, it may count as an approved course for a cluster. These include Introduction to Historic Preservation, Fundamentals of Historic Preservation, National Register Nomination, Legal Issues in Historic Preservation, Historic Survey and Inventory Methodology and the Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School.