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PURPOSE AND GOALS

The School of Architecture is dedicated to preparing students to play a leadership role in rebuilding America's cities and improving the quality of the built environment. By offering a diverse curriculum led by an accomplished faculty in a computer and studio intensive environment, the School of Architecture will educate significant practitioners and leaders in architecture, planning and construction.

INSTRUCTIONAL ORGANIZATION

The School of Architecture offers the following graduate degree programs:

Program	Degree Offered
<i>Architecture</i>	Master of Architecture
<i>Community Development</i>	Master of Community Development

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE DEGREE PROGRAM

Students majoring in architecture will be challenged to develop their abilities in problem solving, creative thinking and informed decision making as a focus of their education. They will accomplish this in a well protected and student centered environment that fosters personal development and professional excellence. The location of the School near the City of Houston offers an opportunity for students to enrich their learning experience through access to the greater architectural and construction community of the region and to many employment opportunities in the fields.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All students admitted to the Master of Architecture program must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School of Prairie View A&M University. In addition, for students matriculating from a four-year, pre-professional program (for example, Program B of the PVAMU B.S. in Architecture degree) or entering the program with a bachelors degree in some field other than architecture, the School of Architecture will require submission of a design portfolio for review.

ACCREDITATION

The Master of Architecture degree is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

“In the United States, most 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 US professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes two types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture and the Master of Architecture. A program may be granted a five-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on its degree of conformance with established educational standards.

Masters degree programs 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.” (NAAB, 1998)

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The degree requires a minimum of 36 semester credit hours. The core of the program consists of 30 credit hours of courses required of all students. A list of pre-approved courses is provided. From it the student may select the remaining six credit hours. Alternative courses may be selected from offerings of other degree programs on campus, with departmental approval.

Required graduate-level courses	30 SCH
ARCH 5506 Internship	
ARCH 5566 Architecture Design IX	
ARCH 5513 Research Seminar	
ARCH 5579 Comprehensive Project Studio	
ARCH 5593 Professional Practice	
Elective courses	6 SCH
Select from:	
ARCH 5423 Urban Planning	3 SCH
ARCH 5523 Historic Preservation and Adaptive Reuse.....	3 SCH
ARCH 5973 Special Topics	3 SCH
Total Degree Requirements	36 SCH

SUGGESTED DEGREE PROGRAM SEQUENCES

PROGRAM I: For students matriculating from Program A – the Professional Track of the Prairie View Architecture Program. This option will offer the coursework necessary to complete the accredited professional degree in architecture.

FIRST YEAR					
<i>Summer</i>		<i>Hours</i>			
ARCH 5506	Internship	6			
<i>Total</i>		6			
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
ARCH 5556	Architecture Design IX	6	ARCH 5579	Comprehensive Project Studio	9
ARCH 5513	Research Seminar	3		ARCH Elective	3
ARCH 5593	Professional Practice	3		Elective	3
	Elective	3			
<i>Total</i>		15	<i>Total</i>		15

PROGRAM II: For students matriculating from a four-year, pre-professional program (for example the Program B option in the PVAMU B.S. in Architecture degree). This option will require between 36 and 72 semester credit hours of study depending on the extent and level of the preparation of the applicant.

FIRST YEAR					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
ARCH 4456	Architecture Design VII	3	ARCH 4476	Architecture Design VII	3
ARCH 4483	Structural Systems III	3	ARCH 3463	Environmental Systems II	3
ARCH 3453	Environmental Systems I	3		Graduate Elective	3
ARCH 4443	CAD Documents and Codes	3			
<i>Total</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>12</i>
<i>Summer</i>		<i>Hours</i>			
ARCH 5506	Internship	6			
<i>Total</i>		<i>6</i>			

SECOND YEAR					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
ARCH 5556	Architecture Design IX	6	ARCH 5579	Comprehensive Project Studio	9
ARCH 5513	Research Seminar	3		ARCH Elective	3
ARCH 5593	Professional Practice	3		Elective	3
	Elective	3			
<i>Total</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>15</i>

PROGRAM III: For students entering the program with a bachelors degree in some field other than architecture. This option will require a minimum of 109 semester credit hours of study involving a combination of undergraduate and graduate study.

FIRST YEAR					
<i>Summer</i>		<i>Hours</i>			
ARCH 2006	Intensive Architecture Design I	6			
ARCH 2016	Intensive Architecture Design II	6			
<i>Total</i>		<i>12</i>			
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
ARCH 3256	Architecture Design V	6	ARCH 3266	Architecture Design VI	6
ARCH 2233	History and Theory of Architecture I	3	ARCH 2243	History and Theory of Architecture II	3
ARCH 3294	Structural Systems I	4	ARCH 4433	Structural Systems II	3
ARCH 2273	Materials and Methods I	3	ARCH 3283	Materials and Methods II	3
ARCH 1273	Intro. to Multimedia Computing	3	ARCH 2223	Computer Aided Design	3
<i>Total</i>		<i>19</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>18</i>

SECOND YEAR					
<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
ARCH 4456	Architecture Design VII	3	ARCH 4476	Architecture Design VII	3
ARCH 4483	Structural Systems III	3	ARCH 3463	Environmental Systems II	3
ARCH 3453	Environmental Systems I	3		Graduate Elective	3
ARCH 4443	CAD Documents and Codes	3			
<i>Total</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>12</i>

<i>Summer</i>		<i>Hours</i>
ARCH 5506	Internship	6
<i>Total</i>		6

THIRD YEAR

<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
ARCH 5556	Architecture Design IX	6	ARCH 5579	Comprehensive Project Studio	9
ARCH 5513	Research Seminar	3		ARCH Elective	3
ARCH 5593	Professional Practice	3		Elective	3
	Elective	3			
<i>Total</i>		15	<i>Total</i>		15

MASTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEGREE PROGRAM

The master’s program is based on the concept of Community Development as a profession. This demands an integrative educational experience. The curriculum must broaden the knowledge base, promote a sense of research, fast learning and decision making; and develop interactive and collaborative skills applicable to teamwork, management, leadership and entrepreneurship.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Regular application requirements of the University apply to all applicants for the Community Development Masters degree. In addition, the candidates must schedule a meeting with the program director to develop a study plan which will lay out course selections and identify the need, if any, for additional credit hours beyond the required 36.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The degree requires a minimum of 36 semester credit hours. The core of the program consists of 24 credit hours of courses required of all students. A list of pre-approved courses is provided. From it the student may select the remaining twelve credit hours. Alternative courses may be selected from offerings of other degree programs on campus, with departmental approval.

Required courses	24 SCH
CODE 5013 Community Development Seminar	
CODE 5016 Community Development Studio I	
CODE 5023 Advanced Community Development	
CODE 5026 Community Development Studio II	
CODE 5406 Internship	
Elective courses	12 SCH
Select from:	
CODE 5303 Community Political Structure	3 SCH
CODE 5313 Community Management and Leadership	3 SCH
CODE 5323 Organizational Analysis	3 SCH
CODE 5343 Community Research.....	3 SCH
CODE 5353 Resource Development	3 SCH
CODE 5363 Community Physical Structure	3 SCH
Total Degree Requirements	36 SCH