

# MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE



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The Master of Architecture (M.Arch) program will give you the tools you need to make an impact and advance the profession of architecture. In addition to the depth of understanding you will gain about the components of architectural practice, you will develop the strategic thinking and communication skills you need to tackle a diverse range of issues from sustainability and urbanism to historic preservation.

The program is committed to balance: creation and conservation, aesthetic and technical pursuits, national and international perspectives, individual exploration and community involvement, and classroom and lifelong learning.

## The Master of Architecture program:

- Is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), a standard required for U.S. licensure
- Gives you real-world applications for your classroom learning through the Community Partnerships Center, Teaching Firms in Residence and more
- Guarantees paid assistantships and internships through the Career Investment Program
- Provides semester-long study abroad opportunities in Barcelona and Beijing
- Includes unique features such as the Samsung Design Studio and rCloud computing, Women's Leadership Network and International Fellows Program

**Credits** 59-61

**Time to Completion**  
Two-to-Three Years

**CAMPUS LOCATION**  
Bristol, Rhode Island

### Who It's For

Recent graduates from architecture, design, engineering, or related programs who wish to become licensed architects in the United States

**Course Load**  
Full-time only

### Key Features

\$3,000 annual assistantship or internship for all students, Teaching Firms in Residence, study abroad, Samsung Design Studio, Women's Leadership Network, scholarships, and more

**Preferred Application Deadline**  
April 1 for Fall  
December 1 for Spring

**Roger Williams University**  
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

# PATHWAYS

## Path One:

Path One provides a continuous sequence from undergraduate to graduate study leading to the Master of Architecture professional degree for students who have completed the B.S. in Architecture program at Roger Williams University. Path One students normally complete this 181-credit sequence (56 credits at the graduate level) in 5½ to 6 years from the beginning of their undergraduate studies.

## Path Two:

Path Two provides advanced entry to the Master of Architecture professional degree for students from other universities who have completed a four-year, pre-professional undergraduate degree in Architecture (B.S. Architecture or similar). Individualized placement occurs following an evaluation of the student's undergraduate transcript and portfolio for completion of NAAB Student Performance Criteria. Path Two students normally complete a 56-credit, full-time sequence over four semesters of study.

## Path Three:

Path Three provides entry to the Master of Architecture professional degree for students who have completed a four-year undergraduate degree in fields other than architecture

or do not possess the coursework necessary to satisfy undergraduate degree requirements satisfying NAAB Student Performance Criteria. Path Three students normally finish this 91-credit full-time program in three years and one summer. Some additional prerequisites in math, physics and drawing may also be required.

## Dual Degree Opportunities:

Within the School of Architecture, Art, & Historic Preservation, students can pursue dual Master of Architecture + M.S. in Historic Preservation degrees through joint advisement—RWU is one of the few U.S. schools to offer this combination. Graduate certificates in Historic Preservation and Urban & Regional Planning are also available.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications to the program are due by April 1 for fall admission.

To apply, applicants must submit the following items to the Office of Graduate Admission:

1. Completed application form accompanied by the \$50 application fee
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
3. Letter of Intent (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your interest in Architecture, career goals, and how you can positively contribute to the graduate program at Roger Williams University
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from professional sources attesting to your potential to succeed in graduate school
5. Portfolio containing 8-10 examples of your work (submitted as hardcopy or electronically through SlideRoom)
6. If your first language is not English, an official report of TOEFL or IELTS results

To read more about the application process and how to submit your materials, please visit [grad.rwu.edu/apply](http://grad.rwu.edu/apply).

## CAREER INVESTMENT PROGRAM PLACEMENTS

### SAMPLE CORPORATE PARTNERS

- ADD Inc. / Stantec, Boston
- AJA Architects + Design Build, MA
- Bradford Associates, Providence
- Brewster Thornton Group, Providence
- designLAB, Boston
- GMI Architects, Bristol
- Goody Clancy, Boston
- Gray Organschi Architecture, New Haven
- HOK, New York
- Kohn Pedersen Fox, New York
- MASS Design, Boston
- Sasaki, Boston

### SAMPLE NON-PROFIT AND GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

- American Institute of Architects, Rhode Island
- Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation, NY
- Newport Restoration Foundation
- Preserve Rhode Island

### SAMPLE RWU PARTNERS

- Architecture Library
- Center for Macro Projects and Diplomacy
- Community Partnerships Center