

Master of Architecture (MArch) Admission Information

ADMISSION QUALIFICATIONS

Previous Education | There are currently no course prerequisites to be eligible for admission into the program, but it is recommended that you have taken a basic math and physics course prior to starting the program. A bachelor's degree (in any discipline) from an accredited college or university is required to be considered for admission to the MArch program. Applicants who possess a bachelor of science in architecture or a bachelor of arts in architecture from an NAAB accredited program, or a four-year architecture degree from an accredited foreign college or university may be considered for admission into the MArch program with advanced placement into the second year of the program. Applicants will be placed into the first or second year of the three year program based on an evaluation of all application materials. If an applicant with a previous architecture background is placed into the full three year program, he/she may potentially waive out of classes based on prior coursework. This waiver process is completed in the first week of classes and typically requires a review of previous course syllabi. The waiver policy is meant to avoid repetition and allows students to explore interests through electives.

GPA | In order to be considered for admission, applicants should generally have at least a 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA on a 4.0 scale, or a B average on another scale. If an applicant has taken undergraduate coursework at multiple institutions, the GPA will be combined into one overall undergraduate GPA. Graduate credit is calculated into a separate graduate GPA.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores | GRE scores are required of all applicants, though the program does not have required minimum GRE scores. Information on the GRE may be found at ets.org/gre. The test must have been taken in the past five years.

English Proficiency Scores | Official TOEFL, IELTS or MELAB scores are required for any applicant whose native language is not English, and who has been educated primarily outside of the U.S. Exclusions and details can be found in the **application instructions** and Graduate Admissions **FAQs**. Target scores are as follows: 600 paper-based TOEFL, 100 IBT, 86 MELAB, or 7.5 IELTS. Valid test scores must be from within the last two years.

Financial Review | Admitted international applicants are required to show evidence that they have sufficient funding to pay for all tuition and living expenses while at the university. Instructions would be sent if/when the applicant is recommended for admission. Please do not send these documents until requested. For more information, see <http://gpadmissions.osu.edu/intl/financial-review.html>

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Autumn 2017 Application Deadline | January 1, 2017

The program only admits students to start in the Autumn semester

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Required application materials are listed below. The OSU Graduate Admissions office administers the online application and a complete set of instructions can be found at <http://admissions.osu.edu/apps/pdfs/g-info.pdf>. Their website also has a list of **FAQs** for your reference. For the documents to be uploaded with the online application, allowed file types include the following or similar document types: .doc, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .PDF, .png, .ppt, .rtf, .tif, .txt, .xls. Do not upload zipped files or files with non-standard extensions or the document will not be accepted.

- **OSU Graduate Admission Application and Application Fee** | Complete the online application at gpadmissions.osu.edu. The application fee (\$60 for US citizens; \$70 for international applicants) is paid online during submission of the application.
- **Transcripts** | Official transcripts are required from each institution from which college credit was awarded. (OSU transcripts are not required for credit earned at OSU). A scan of an official transcript (front and back) may be uploaded to the online application to fulfill this requirement. If admitted, a final official transcript must be submitted. Mailed transcripts should be sent to the OSU Graduate Admissions Office. See the **application instructions** for details.

- **Evidence of English Proficiency** | Official TOEFL, IELTS or MELAB scores are required for any applicant whose native language is not English, and who has been educated primarily outside of the U.S. Exclusions and details can be found in the **application instructions** and Graduate Admissions **FAQs**. To submit official scores, use OSU reporting code 1592.
- **Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores** | Official GRE scores are required for all applicants. To submit official scores, use OSU reporting code 1592 (no department code).
- **Statement of Purpose** | Your 1-2 page statement of purpose should indicate your academic and career goals. Upload the document to your online application.
- **Resume** | Your resume should be 1-2 pages. Upload the document to your online application.
- **Three Letters of Recommendation** | Enter your recommenders' information in the online application including a professional or academic email address for each. Once you have submitted the application, each recommender will receive an email request with a link to submit their letter online.
- **Portfolio** | Applicants may submit a portfolio as an uploaded attachment to the online application, or a hard copy portfolio may be sent to the Knowlton School Graduate Programs Coordinator (address on reverse side). There is no prescribed set of requirements for the portfolio except for restrictions on size. A digital file may not exceed 30MB and a hard copy must be 8.5"x11" or smaller. All applicants regardless of their previous experience must submit a portfolio. The portfolio should be well-designed and cohesive, and it should demonstrate the applicant's ability to clearly present material. Program-related projects are strongly encouraged, but the portfolio may include any creative visual work (e.g. photography, painting). Number of pages and format of the portfolio is left to the discretion of the applicant. We will not return hard copy portfolios unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed with your submission and a request is made after the final decision is announced.

MONITOR YOUR APPLICATION STATUS ONLINE

Your initial status will first become available 2–3 days after we receive your application and you should monitor the status of your application at appstatus.osu.edu. First time applicants are sent an email assigning an OSU ID and username. Previous OSU students will use their regular OSU login. If your status shows missing letters of recommendation, you can use **this link** to send reminders and add new recommenders. As materials are received, they should be marked as complete online within a few days. Test scores and transcripts typically take a couple of weeks to be processed. Note that during the months of December and January, we do receive an influx of applications and processing time may take longer. Please continue to monitor the status of your application and let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Your application status will say "pending" until a decision has been made on your application. When a decision has been made, your status will reflect the decision and you will receive a notification. The majority of admissions decisions and financial aid awards will be made January-March, though notifications may continue through the summer.

QUESTIONS?

With questions regarding the online application, transcripts, and submission of test scores, contact:

OSU Graduate Admissions | (e): gpadmissions@osu.edu (t): 614-292-9444

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With questions regarding the program's admissions requirements, financial aid, and general program questions, contact:

Knowlton School Student Services | (e): knowlton@osu.edu (t): 614-292-1012

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