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**Master of Architecture - 3 Year Option**

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**Program Description**

The Kean University professional program in architecture emphasizes knowledge of humanist values as they impact contemporary design. It promotes the acquisition of comprehensive design skills that are made manifest through both cognition and representation. The program addresses the increasing level of professional design services required in the 21st century, and the increasing globalization of architectural design. It utilizes its two locations in major urban areas as resources for access to professional employment and training.

The normal 6 Year program follows the 4+2 model for a professional degree in Architecture: a 4-year Bachelor of Arts degree in Architectural Studies, followed by a 2-year professional Master of Architecture degree, which consists of fifty-four credit hours at the graduate level. Kean’s requirement for 35 credit hours of general studies courses as a component of the baccalaureate degree is acceptable to NAAB provided the degree structure remains the 4+2 model.

The 3 Year Option within the Masters Program allows candidates with a non-Architecture undergraduate degree to enter the 2 Year Master of Architecture sequence after a 3 semester 37 CH architecture course introduction.

**Admission Requirements**

In addition to the University’s admission requirements:

* Portfolio Review
* Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
* Official transcripts from all institutions attended
* Two letters of recommendation
* Professional Resume/CV
* Personal Statement
* Official TOEFL or IELTS score reports

**Prerequisite Coursework**

Students with an undergraduate degree other than Architecture will need a transfer credit evaluation by the Architecture Graduate Program Coordinator. Additional coursework may be required.

**Program Requirements**

* 91 credits
* 22 core courses (79 credits)
* Four elective courses (12 credits)

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| **CORE COURSES – 79 CREDITS** | | |
| **ARCH 2303** | Representation 3: Hand and Digital Skills | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 3401** | Structures 1 | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 4100** | Foundation Architectural Design Studio | 4 credits |
| **ARCH 4101** | Architectural Design Studio I | 6 credits |
| **ARCH 4102** | Architectural Design Studio II | 6 credits |
| **ARCH 4201** | Architectural History Survey | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 4208** | History/Theory Seminar | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 4402** | Structures 2 | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 4403** | Building Systems 1 | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 4601** | Intro to Architectural Theory | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 5109** | Complex Program II | 6 credits |
| **ARCH 5110** | Studio 10: Travel Option | 6 credits |
| **ARCH 6111** | Studio 11: Comprehensive Design | 6 credits |
| **ARCH 6112** | Studio 12: Thesis | 6 credits |
| **ARCH 5502** | Professional Practice 2: Advanced Practice Models | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 5209** | History 9: History/Theory Seminar | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 5210** | Thesis Research Seminar | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 5404** | Building Systems 2 | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 6405** | Building Systems Integration 3 | 3 credits |
| **ARCH 5501** | Professional Practice 1 | 3 credits |

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| **ELECTIVE COURSES – 12 CREDITS** | |
| **Possible Elective Topics:**  Advanced Visual Representational Skills  Idea as Model: Advanced 3-D Representation  Digital Fabrication Skills  Topics in Historic Architecture  Case Studies in Regional Architecture  Topics in Contemporary Architecture  Local Culture and Traditions in Architecture  Regional Scale and Infrastructure  Energy Conscious Architecture and Planning  History and Traditions of American Landscape Architecture  History and Traditions of Global Landscape Architecture  History and Traditions of Regional Landscape Architecture  Public Infrastructure and Design  Design of Objects: Furniture  Case Studies in Infrastructure Design  Global Urban Design Models | Global Housing Case Studies  Case Studies in Advanced Building Envelope  Case Studies in Advanced Building Ethics  Planning Systems  Advanced Building Materials Development  Large-Scale Building Types  Theory and Technology  Language and Architecture  Painting and Architecture  Emerging Building Types  Advanced Research Methods in Architecture  Advanced Topics in Urbanism  Local Practices  Integration of Industrial Design and Architecture  Graphic Design and Architecture  Interior Design and Architecture  Theory and Analysis of Place |

**TOTAL OF 91 CREDITS TO COMPLETE PROGRAM**

NAAB Statement

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 professional degree programs in architecture offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year, three-year, or two-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may require a preprofessional undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the preprofessional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The NAAB grants candidacy status to new programs that have developed viable plans for achieving initial accreditation. Candidacy status indicates that a program expects to achieve initial accreditation within six years of achieving candidacy, if its plan is properly implemented.

In order to meet the education requirement set forth by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, an applicant for an NCARB Certificate must hold a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the NAAB; the degree must have been awarded not more than two years prior to initial accreditation. However, meeting the education requirement for the NCARB Certificate may not be equivalent to meeting the education requirement for registration in a specific jurisdiction. Please contact NCARB for more information.

Kean University School of Public Architecture was granted candidacy status for the following professional degree program in architecture:

Master of Architecture [prerequisite + 55 credits required]

Initial Candidacy granted: 2017

Next visit for continuation of candidacy: 2019

Projected year of initial accreditation: 2021