



**KEAN**  
Nathan Weiss Graduate College

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## Master of Architecture

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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 – **the New York/New Jersey metropolitan region, and Wenzhou, China** -- as resources for access to professional employment and training.

The 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. It consists of 194-196 total credit hours, and allows 18 credit hours for minors or concentrations within the discipline. Fifty-five credit hours are 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.

### Admission Requirements

In addition to the University's admission requirements:

- Portfolio Review
- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- 3.0 cumulative grade point average (lower GPA's will be considered based on overall strength of application)
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Professional Resume/CV
- Personal Statement

- Official TOEFL or IELTS score reports
- **GRE recommended but not required**

### 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

- 55 credits
- 12 core courses (43 credits)
- Four elective courses (12 credits)

<b>CORE COURSES – 43 CREDITS</b>		
<b>ARCH 5109</b>	Complex Program II	6 credits
<b>ARCH 5110</b>	Studio 10: Travel Option	4 credits
<b>ARCH 6111</b>	Studio 11: Comprehensive Design	6 credits
<b>ARCH 6112</b>	Studio 12: Thesis	9 credits
<b>ARCH 5502</b>	Professional Practice 2: Advanced Practice Models	3 credits
<b>ARCH 5209</b>	History 9: History/Theory Seminar	3 credits
<b>ARCH 5210</b>	Thesis Research Seminar	3 credits
<b>ARCH 5404</b>	Building Systems 2	3 credits
<b>ARCH 6405</b>	Building Systems Integration 3	3 credits
<b>ARCH 5501</b>	Professional Practice 1	3 credits

## 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 55 CREDITS TO COMPLETE PROGRAM**