

USC School of Architecture

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

MASTER OF ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Upon completion of this degree program, Master of Advanced Architectural Studies students will have:

- an ability to thrive in a rigorous intellectual climate, which promotes inquiry through design research.
- an ability to work collaboratively toward synthetic design resolution which integrates an understanding of programmatic considerations, contextual/environmental connections, technological systems, and historical/theoretical meaning.
- an ability to communicate both the technical, spatial, and conceptual aspects of one's design through comprehensive modes of representation including digital and analog drawing, physical modeling and other forms of media; as well as the ability to clearly articulate written and verbal expression.
- a solid intellectual base of knowledge in cultural studies (history/theory), related technology, and fundamental aspects of professional practice.
- ability to successfully complete an option-based directed design research sequence, pursuing the individualized exploration of advanced and emerging topics.
- an awareness of the need to respect diversity and to explore global connections.
- an ability to work in a manner consistent with understood professional standards and ethical responsibilities and to advance to the level of professional licensure in their field of expertise.
- a breadth of knowledge (after completing the university's general education program, professional electives and free electives), allowing each student to consider themselves (and to be considered by other people) a generally well-educated person.
- an understanding of the value and promise of urban life, through the continual exploration of Los Angeles, the second largest urban region in the country.