



Dear M.A. or Ph.D. in Architecture Applicant:

Thank you for your inquiry about our advanced studies programs here in the School of Architecture, Design and Planning. There are two advanced degrees in architecture offered by the School, a Master of Arts (M.A.) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

The **Ph.D. in Architecture** program requires a minimum of 49 credit hours of course work, independent study and research, culminating in a dissertation. The Ph.D. aspirant is expected to be a well-educated person with a broad base of general knowledge, not only as preparation for more advanced work but also as a means of knowing how the chosen specialty is related to other fields of human thought. Our Ph.D. program is value-driven, driven by the foundational question, “what ought we do as architects and researchers to enhance the quality of life on this planet?” We accept that our research is founded upon an ethical position, accepting we are not involved in research to simply generate knowledge for knowledge sake, but rather to improve the human condition through more thoughtful built form.

The post-professional **M.A. in Architecture** is a research-based academic program for students interested in the study of architecture from an academic and scholarly perspective. It requires 36 credit hours of course work, independent study, and research. The program is designed for highly motivated students with well-defined interests who wish to pursue individualized plans of study that draw upon the diverse resources of the graduate faculty at the master level.

The Department of Architecture additionally offers a **Master of Architecture (M.Arch.)** as its professional degree with two graduate tracks. Track II is a 2+ year program for students who have received a pre-professional baccalaureate degree in architecture (“4+2” model). Track III is a 3+ year program for those with a baccalaureate degree in a field outside of architecture. If you wish to receive more information about this program, please request it as you did our information on advanced studies.

Please see the application check sheet for the specific degree you are applying to for the required application materials and deadlines. The application fee may be waived for qualified applicants. Please email archku@ku.edu if you’d like to be considered for a fee waiver and put “Request for Fee Waiver” in the subject line of the email.

Thank you again for your interest in The University of Kansas. If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (785) 864-3167 or by e-mail at archku@ku.edu. Additionally, please visit our website at <http://architecture.ku.edu/> for more information. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mahbub Rashid'.

Mahbub Rashid, Ph.D.
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