

# The School of Architecture

## University of Illinois Urban-Champaign

### Graduate Admissions

M.ARCH | M.ARCH 2+ | MS

#### ASSESSING ADMISSION UIUC ISoA GRAD PROGRAMS

**Any prospective student who has or has not earned an undergraduate degree in Architecture (or equivalent to a pre-professional degree) or who has earned an undergraduate degree in other than Architecture can request the School to evaluate their degrees and transcripts before their application submission to get a better understanding of what they will be required to take once they are admitted to the M.Arch Professional Program.**

**Minimum requirements are set by the Illinois Graduate College and School of Architecture  
EVALUATION OF PRE-PROFESSIONAL (see below):**

#### **Minimum requirements for Graduate Admission:**

To be eligible for admission to the Graduate College at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, applicants must satisfy the below minimum requirements:

- Applicants must have earned at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college in the United States or a comparable degree from a recognized institution of higher learning abroad. A grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (A=4.0), or a comparable GPA for an international applicant for the last two years of undergraduate study, is a minimum requirement for admission. If your undergraduate study is longer than 4 years, additional semesters may be used to calculate the admission GPA. Please note that proposed programs of study may require a higher GPA than the Graduate College's minimum standard.
- Applicants enrolled in the final year of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college in the United States or a comparable degree program from a recognized institution of higher learning abroad and who meet the GPA requirements stated above will be admitted conditionally pending receipt of final academic credentials showing the undergraduate degree as conferred.
- International applicants must meet **minimum requirements** based on their country of origin. Please note that proposed programs of study may require a higher GPA than the Graduate College's minimum standard.
- International applicants are required to submit proof of English proficiency. Specific requirements and waiver options are listed at <https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c>.

### **U.S. Institution Document Requirements:**

- The transcript must list your degree as awarded and the degree conferral date.
  - Oftentimes, this information is not listed on your transcript until up to a month after your graduation. For example, if you graduate on May 15 and you order a transcript on May 20, your degree information may not be on your transcript yet. You will want to check with your university to ensure your degree information is on your transcript before sending it.
- The transcript must be issued by your university's registrar's office and have all coursework finalized.
- "Issued to Student" transcripts can only be accepted if they have remained in a sealed envelope.
- If you attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the Graduate College would obtain your official transcript for you. You do not need to request official UIUC transcripts to be mailed or emailed to our office.

### **International Institution Document Requirements:**

- Students are required to submit final, attested copies of their transcripts (or mark sheets) and certificates of degree (or diploma). We require these credentials to be both in the native language and in English.
  - If the university directly issues your credentials in English, native language documents may not be required.\*
  - If the university lists the degree awarded and the degree conferral date on your transcript, a separate certificate of degree or diploma may not be required.\*
- All coursework and exams must be finalized on these credentials.
- Credentials should be received in sealed envelopes directly from the institution.
- Credentials should be issued on official letterhead/transcript paper, have an original seal or stamp from the university, and have a signature from the Registrar.
- We prefer English translations to be issued by your university. Still, we will also accept translations issued by a certified public translator, a governmental agency, or an ATA (American Translators Association) translator.
- We do not accept notarized copies of credentials. The attestation needs to be from your university or a government agency within your university's country.
- We do not accept credentials or evaluations from third-party evaluation companies such as WES and ECE. Some of these companies do provide translation services, and if they provide a true English translation of an attested credential, we may be able to accept the translation. However, the native language credentials would need to come directly from the university.

### **\*If you are providing credentials from an institution in China:**

- We will always require both your transcripts and your certificate of degree. We will also require all credentials in both the native language and in English.
- We do not need the graduation certificate, only the certificate of degree confirming the degree has been awarded.

- If we are able to verify your credentials online, we will accept CSSD credential verification reports from <https://www.chsi.com.cn/en/>.
  - IMPORTANT: If your CSSD report doesn't include your full student ID number or lists the last 4 digits of your ID as asterisks (\*), you will need to provide us with a copy of your university ID that shows your full student ID number.

## **EVALUATION OF PRE-PROFESSIONAL (non-professional degrees)**

Students applying to the School of Architecture M.Arch Program must meet the following courses or their equivalent. Students will be evaluated based on courses listed on their transcripts. \*Note: The admission committee can request further course information and ask for syllabi to evaluate course equivalency.

\*Pre-professional degrees are non-NAAB Accredited (e.g., Bachelor of Science in Architecture Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Architecture Studies, Bachelor of Environmental Design, etc.)

- General Studies (Equivalent to 24+ hours)
  - Cultural Studies
  - Humanities & Arts
  - Social & Behavioral Sciences
  - Natural Science & Technology
    - Physics (required for the degree)
    - Calculus 1 (Required for degree)
- Design Studios (from first to fourth level – Equivalent to 36+ credits)
- Building and System Performance
  - Construction Documentation (3+ credits)
  - Structures (Equivalent to 6+ hours)
  - Building System (Equivalent to 6+ hours)
- Architecture History (Equivalent to 6+ hours)
- Architecture Required Courses (Equivalent to 6+ hours)
- Electives – Other (Variable)

The Illinois School of Architecture strives to have students get the best experience through the admission process and hopes to provide the most available credits possible toward their professional degree in Architecture. A pre-evaluation of any previous degree before admission is a good process for prospective students to know where they stand within the M.Arch curriculum once they are admitted.