

M.S. Program: Overview of Recommended Research Cluster Curricula

Required courses for all M.S. students:

- **All students are required to take the following courses:**
Arch 511 (3cr), Arch 520 (3cr), Arch 536 (6cr), Arch 550 (3cr), Arch 600 (6cr), and Electives (9cr).
- Students of all clusters take the following courses together: Arch 511 (3), Arch 520 (3), Arch 550 (3).
- The following courses are individualized for each student: Arch 536 (6), Arch 600 (6), Electives (9).

	CSS	DC	MM	SUS	Credits
FIRST YEAR FALL					
Ethics	Arch 550 (3)	Arch 550 (3)	Arch 550 (3)	Arch 550 (3)	3
Specialization depending on student interest	Elective (3)	Arch 497 DC (3)	Elective (3)	Arch 412 (3)	3
Specialization depending on student interest	Elective (3)	Elective (3) or Arch 536 DC (6)	Arch 491 (6)	Elective (3) or Arch 536 SUS (6)	3-6
FIRST YEAR SPRING					
Theory	Arch 511 (3)	Arch 511 (3) (or in 2nd-year Spring)	Arch 511 (3)	Arch 511 (3)	3
Research Methods	Arch 520 (3)	Arch 520 (3)	Arch 520 (3)	Arch 520 (3)	3
Specialization depending on student research	Arch 536 CSS (6)	Elective (3) or Arch 536 DC (6)	Arch 536 MM (6)	Elective (3) or Arch 536 SUS (6)	3-6
Specialization	additional electives depending on student research				3
	last week of classes: formation thesis committee and approval of thesis proposal				
SECOND YEAR FALL					
Thesis Research	Arch 600 with thesis adviser				3-6
	electives depending on student research in consultation with thesis adviser				3-6
	last week of class: presentation of research progress				
SECOND YEAR SPRING					
Theory		Arch 511 (3) (or in 1st-year Spring)			3
Thesis	Arch 600 with thesis adviser				3-9
	Students must follow the Graduate School's schedule http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/calendars/important-dates/				
	Important dates (for exact dates consult Graduate School website): approx. mid-February: upload of thesis draft on Graduate School website approx. mid-March: submit and defend thesis approx. first week of April: upload of final thesis on Graduate School website				
	check: "M.S. in Architecture Thesis Completion Checklist" http://stuckeman.psu.edu/arch/programs/msarch				
total credits minimum: 30					