

Master of Architecture

Track III

Application Information

We welcome applications and inquiries from LTU students and qualified students from other institutions who wish to complete their graduate studies and earn the accredited M.Arch degree at LTU.

Program Description

Track III of the M.Arch program is intended for students who hold an undergraduate degree in a field other than architecture or environmental design. This option specifically welcomes students who come to LTU with accomplishments and interests in other fields of inquiry with the expectation that such students will bring their interests and skills into the practice of architecture. Students are able to complete almost all courses for the M.Arch Track III are completed online (There is one, 4-credit summer course, the Critical Practice Studio, which requires students to work on campus for one week).

Applicants to the M.Arch Track III program are required to present the following documents:

(1) LTU Graduate Application

Complete the Graduate Application, which can be downloaded and submitted online at www.ltu.edu/apply.

(2) Résumé

Provide a résumé describing the applicant's educational and work experience as well as extracurricular activities and interests.

(3) Letters of Recommendation

Arrange for the submittal of three letters of recommendation. Although not required, it is recommended that one or two of these letters be from faculty members who were a part of your previous educational experience. Additionally, it is recommended, although not required, that one letter be provided by an immediate supervisor at a current or a recent place of employment.

Each letter must be unique, and be signed, dated, and submitted by the referee.

(4) Transcripts

Submit official transcripts of all completed college work. Transcripts must provide evidence of a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0.

(5) Essay

Write a one-thousand-word essay on one of the following topics (generic essays will not be accepted):

1. What would you choose to do (in a non-design field) if you could not become a design professional of any kind?
2. Cite a book (other than a religious text) that has influenced your understanding of architecture and other design disciplines and explain how it has influenced you.
3. Estimate, without reference materials, the number of piano tuners currently working in Portland, Oregon and explain in a step-by-step fashion how you developed your estimate.
4. Tell us about a real place that you have never visited. Explain why you would like to visit this place and what you would expect to learn there.
5. Explain how a designed object (other than a religious icon) with which you are familiar, has influenced your thinking.

6. Describe a situation that has required you to collaborate as a team member with others of different backgrounds, interests, or opinions.

7. In his 1942 short story "Runaround", Issac Asimov introduced his '[Three Laws of Robotics](#)'. What three laws of design technology would you introduce, anticipating the impact technology will have on future architectural practice?

8. If you come from an educational background other than a design field, what part of your background do you believe will be your greatest asset as you create a unique position in architectural practice? What part of your background do you believe will complicate your pursuit of a design degree, and how would you overcome this?

(6) Portfolio (optional)

Applicants to Track III of the M.Arch program may choose to submit a portfolio of work demonstrating a range of visualization and design abilities and experience. The portfolio requirements are linked [here](#).

Submission Deadlines

We admit students throughout the year but can only promise to review applications that are submitted, and complete, by these dates:

For fall semester admission	July 15
For spring semester admission	November 15
For summer semester admission	March 15

All application materials should be submitted at admissions@ltu.edu. For more information, contact LTU's Office of Admissions at 800.225.5588 or admissions@ltu.edu