

Master of Architecture

Track II

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

The 47-credit M.Arch Track II program is intended for students who have earned the pre-professional degree, typically the Bachelor of Science in Architecture, at another institution; and those who have earned the professional Bachelor of Architecture degree at another institution. Applicants who hold the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree from LTU can complete the program in as little as 36 credit hours.

LTU's application protocols are designed in support of our accreditation. Part 4.3 of the 2020 NAAB Conditions for Accreditation states that "(A) program must demonstrate that it utilizes a thorough and equitable process to evaluate incoming students and that it documents the accreditation criteria it expects students to have met in their education experiences in non-accredited programs". The learning objectives listed with the portfolio requirements (in a separate document) correspond to the 2020 Conditions for Accreditation established by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and are the same criteria by which student work completed at LTU is assessed. As a result, some applicants may be required to take additional provisional coursework to address deficiencies in accreditation criteria not covered in their undergraduate program. Conversely, where warranted, advanced placement may be granted for applicants who have satisfied accreditation criteria covered in the Track II courses. *Please note that in order to comprehensively assess these criteria, it may be necessary for LTU to request a copy of the undergraduate institutions NAAB SPC / PC / SC matrix, or other material. This may result in a longer review period.*

Applicants to the M.Arch Track II 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) Course Syllabi

Admission into Track II of the Master of Architecture program requires confirmation of certain skills, and satisfaction of specific accreditation criteria. To demonstrate this, applicants are required to provide course syllabi that prove they have the following experience:

I. Understanding of building technology, including construction materials and systems, building enclosure, environmental control

systems (HVAC, plumbing, electrical systems, lighting, acoustics, and fire suppression), and structural systems.

2. Understanding of architectural history, from prehistory to the present.

(6) 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", Isaac 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?

(7) Portfolio

Submit a portfolio of work demonstrating a range of visualization and design abilities and experience. The portfolio requirements are linked on the webpage.

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