

Master of Science in Architecture Studies (SMArchS) Program, 2020-2021
 Required Subjects by Area for Students

SMArchS Area	Fall Term Year 1	Spring Term Year 1	Fall Term Year 2	Spring Term Year 2
Architectural Design (AD)	4.221 Architecture Studies Colloquium (3) 4.130 Architectural Design Theory + Methodologies(12)	4.187 SMArchS AD Pre-Thesis Preparation Thesis (3)	4.130 Architectural Design Theory + Methodologies(12) 4.288 Preparation for SMArchS Thesis (9)	4.ThG Graduate Thesis (36)
Aga Khan Program in Islamic Architecture (AKPIA)	4.221 Architecture Studies Colloquium (3) Take the alternate-year subject offered this semester: 4.619 Historiography of Islamic Art + Architecture (12)	4.686 SMArchS AKPIA Pre-Thesis Preparation (3)	4.288 Preparation for SMArchS Thesis (9) Take the alternate-year subject(s) offered this semester: 4.612 Islamic Architecture + the Environment (9) 4.621 Orientalism, Colonialism, + Representation (12*)	4.ThG Graduate Thesis (36)
Architecture + Urbanism (AU)	4.221 Architecture Studies Colloquium (3) 4.163J Urban Design Studio (21) 4.228 Contemporary Urbanism Proseminar: Theory and Representation (12*)	4.163J Urban Design Studio (21) or 4.154 Architecture Design Option Studio (21) approved for SMArchS AU 4.241J The Making of Cities (12*) 4.286 SMArchS Urbanism Pre-Thesis Preparation (3)	4.288 Preparation for SMArchS Thesis (9)	4.ThG Graduate Thesis (36)
Building Technology (BT)	4.221 Architecture Studies Colloquium (3) 4.481 Building Technology Seminar (3)	No required classes.	4.288 Preparation for SMArchS Thesis (9)	4.ThG Graduate Thesis (36)
History, Theory, Criticism of Architecture + Art (HTC)	4.221 Architecture Studies Colloquium (3) 4.661 Theory and Method in the Study of Architecture + Art (12)	4.687 SMArchS HTC Pre-Thesis Preparation (3)	4.288 Preparation for SMArchS Thesis (9) 4.661 Theory and Method in the Study of Architecture + Art (12)	4.ThG Graduate Thesis (36)
Computation (Comp)	4.221 Architecture Studies Colloquium (3) 4.580 Inquiry into Computation + Design (12)	4.587 SMArchS Computation Pre-Thesis Preparation (6)	4.288 Preparation for SMArchS Thesis (6)	4.ThG Graduate Thesis (36)

The SMArchS degree is awarded upon completion of an approved program of at least 96 graduate subject units plus an acceptable thesis (the thesis units do not count towards the 96 graduate subject units). In addition to required subjects, students may choose their own elective subjects.

*Indicates the subject is offered with variable units. SMArchS students are required to register for 12 units.

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