

MIT Architecture

SMArchS Curriculum Fall 2026 – Spring 2027

	Fall Term Year 1	Spring Term Year 1	Fall Term Year 2	Spring Term Year 2
Architectural Design (AD) Required courses + 6 subjects in area of interest	4.221 Colloquium (3) 4.130 Theory + Methodologies (12)	<i>No required classes</i>	4.288 SMArchS Thesis Prep (12)	4.THG Graduate Thesis (36)
Urbanism (URB) Required courses + 5 subjects in area of interest	4.221 Colloquium (3) 4.163J Urban Design Studio (21) <i>(may be offered 1st spring instead)</i> 4.228 Contemporary Urbanism Proseminar (12)	4.241J The Making of Cities (12)	4.288 SMArchS Thesis Prep (12)	4.THG Graduate Thesis (36)
Building Technology (BT) Required courses + 6 subjects in area of interest	4.221 Colloquium (3) 4.481 Building Technology Seminar (3)	<i>No required classes</i>	4.288 SMArchS Thesis Prep (9)	4.THG Graduate Thesis (36)
Computation (COMP) Required courses + 6 subjects in area of interest	4.221 Colloquium (3) 4.580 Inquiry into Computation + Design (12)	4.587 SMArchS-COMP Pre-Thesis Preparation (6)	4.588 SMArchS-COMP Thesis Prep (6)	4.THG Graduate Thesis (36)
History, Theory + Criticism (HTC) Required courses + 6 subjects in area of interest	4.221 Colloquium (3) 4.661 Theory and Method in the Study of Architecture + Art (12)	4.687 SMArchS-HTC Pre-Thesis Preparation (3)	4.288 SMArchS Thesis Prep (9) 4.661 Theory and Method in the Study of Architecture + Art (12)	4.THG Graduate Thesis (36)
Aga Khan Program in Islamic Architecture (AKPIA) Required courses + 4 subjects in area of interest + 1 restricted elective <i>(see online handbook for list)</i>	4.221 Colloquium (3) 4.621 Orientalism, Colonialism + Representation (12) <i>(take when offered, which may be 2nd fall)</i> 4.624 Dwelling & Building: Cities in the Global South (9) <i>(take when offered, which may be 2nd fall)</i>	4.686 SMArchS-AKPIA Pre-Thesis Preparation (3)	4.288 SMArchS Thesis Prep (9)	4.THG Graduate Thesis (36)