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POST-PROFESSIONAL
MASTER OF ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES PROGRAM
The USC School of Architecture offers both a professional Master of Architecture degree and a post-professional Master of Advanced Architectural Studies degree program. These programs have been redesigned as two of the most innovatively rigorous programs anywhere, and by bringing together renowned and progressive faculty, the School aims to set new standards for postgraduate education internationally.
The School occupies a key position in design pedagogy within the global design community, the Pacific Rim, and Los Angeles in particular. The programs draw their inspiration from the energy and dynamism of the city itself, a complex blend of urban life and cultural diversity. Blessed with a benign climate, yet at risk from earthquakes and other natural or manmade disasters, L.A. is a city that has learned to take environmental and ecological questions seriously. Above all, Los Angeles is the home of “content,” a city of creative individuals and highly original thinking that consistently challenges preconceptions and serves as an incubator for new ideas and practices. The USC Masters Programs in Architecture are based on the transformative power of advanced concepts and strategies, tested every day in the laboratory of Los Angeles. By locating our design research within an unpredictable, problematic, and very real environment, we actively confront culture, site, and construction in preparation for practice in the contemporary city.
MASTER OF ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES: POST-PROFESSIONAL DEGREE (48 units)
The Master of Advanced Architectural Studies (M.AAS) program is a one-year (three-semester) post-professional degree intended for individuals who have already completed a professional degree in Architecture (B.Arch/M.Arch). This program is dedicated to cutting-edge research and bold design conjecture and seeks to explore in a highly innovative fashion the cultural and technological landscapes of Los Angeles.

The program is continuously evolving to reflect and serve the needs and interests of the students who participate; most recently it has been structured around Exponential Design and Design Augmentation. Exponential Design describes a series of strategies that allow design to have an exponential impact over the built environment such as crowdsourcing, game design, application interfaces and parametrics. Design Augmentation describes the increased agency of design that is informed by the data and processes that both produce it and affect it such as performative analysis & simulation, geometric logics & material systems, and modes of fabrication.

Studies in the M.AAS PP Degree Program can be combined with the following graduate certificates and/or dual degree:

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES
Building Science, Heritage Conservation, Landscape Architecture and Sustainable Design

DUAL DEGREE:
MASTER OF ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES / MASTER OF PLANNING
Preparation for a public or private sector career in urban design, architecture, and planning or preparation for doctoral studies.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ARCHITECTURE
For working professionals and graduate students (with the exception of students enrolled in the M.AAS and M.ARCH Degree Programs) to acquire understanding of core issues and knowledge; 16-unit program requires graduate standing and certificate program admission.

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