PhD-Arch

Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture

This program advances critical spatial, humanistic, and social scientific perspectives on the built environment, with focus areas including spatial and environmental justice, urban and architecture history, digital humanities, and community centered methods of research and design.

REQUIREMENTS

Residency
The minimum required full-time residency for the PhD program in the School of Architecture is two years.

English Language
Demonstrable proficiency in the English language

Full-time Enrollment
Students are required to be enrolled full-time up to the successful completion of the qualifier phase (including all required coursework).

Some students are legally required to maintain full-time status for the entire duration of the program, for example, international students on a visa.

See Graduate Handbook for rules and regulations.

YEAR 1

Fall   *Spring*

GENERAL (18)

48-620: Situating Research (3)   48-792: PhD Independent Study (6-9)
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THEORY AND METHODS (18)
Students can select from these or other relevant courses (at SoA or other units), in conversation with their advisors.

48-634: Architectural Theory and   48-641: Modern Architecture and Theory (9)
Contemporary Issues (6-9)   48-711: Paradigms of Research in
48-699: Environmental injustice, racism, and Architecture (9)
unfreedom (3)   48-712 Issues of Global Urbanization
48-750: Histories of Urban Design (9)   (Variable)

THEMATIC SELECTIVES (42-48)
Students can select courses on a range of themes relating to their research (including race and space, environmental humanities, histories of the built environment, urbanization etc.). These could be selected from courses offered by the School of Architecture, School of Design, Department of History, Heinz College or other units at CMU or at the University of Pittsburgh.

Selectives   Selectives

Year 2 onwards

Every doctoral student is required to demonstrate ability for research prior to candidacy by completing 48 units minimum of satisfactory independent research.

Game Plan
The game plan specifies the student's area(s) of concentration, reading lists within each area, an abstract of scope of work, and the list of courses taken. Each member of the student's advisory committee signs off on the game plan.

Qualifier

Proposal

Dissertation and thesis Defense