Applying to the MArch Program

Deadline for Fall Semester: For best consideration for possible scholarships and assistantships, please use the following dates:

International Students: December 1
Residents of U.S.: January 15

(We continue to review applications until May 31st, but cannot guarantee any slots will be open.)

MArch Applications for the are submitted online. For details go to: http://architecture.unm.edu/admissions/index.html

Application requirements include: a letter of intent, a portfolio of creative work, three letters of recommendation, a resume and official transcripts (unprocessed). International students need to also submit an attested copy of your diploma official TOEFL scores (they must meet the UNM minimum of 79 on the IBT TOEFL).

Note: We do not find GRE scores helpful in the application review process, and do not require them. Also, Track 2 and 2.5 applicants (other than UNM undergraduates) must submit course descriptions for all architecture classes completed. These can be e-mailed to miquela@unm.edu.

Which Track is Appropriate for You?

Master of Architecture, Track 2: This program is for students with a professional undergraduate architecture degree, (typically a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in Architecture) and sufficient coursework to fulfill the Path 2 prerequisites:

- 6 architectural design studios, five or six credits each
- 2 architectural history courses and 1 architectural theory course
- 1 or 2 courses addressing passive design or environmental systems
- 2 structures courses, addressing statics, mechanics of materials, structural analysis, and the design and behavior of basic structural elements and systems
- 1 course addressing construction materials and assembly / construction methods

Track 2 takes four semesters to complete.

UNM Bachelors of Arts in Architecture (BAA) students with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 overall and also in studio courses are automatically admitted to Track 2.

Master of Architecture, Track 2.5: This program is for students with a professional undergraduate architecture degree, and sufficient coursework to fulfill the Track 2.5 prerequisites:

- 4 architectural design studios, five or six credits each
- 2 architectural history or architectural theory courses
- 1 course addressing passive design or environmental systems
- 1 structures course, addressing statics, mechanics of materials, structural analysis, and the design and behavior of basic structural elements and systems
- 1 course addressing construction materials and assembly / construction methods

Track 2.5 takes two and a half years to complete, or two academic years plus a summer.

Master of Architecture, Track 3: This program is for students with any undergraduate degree, but not enough coursework to apply for Track 2.5, and also for students that have an undergraduate degree in architecture or environmental design, but not enough coursework to apply for Track 2.5 or Track 2 programs. Track 3 program students come from a variety of backgrounds including anthropology, art history, biology, economics, engineering, political science, studio art, and many other degrees.

Track 3 takes three academic years to complete, plus a four week summer program prior to the first year.

Laptop Policy

Graduate students admitted to the School are required to own or have unlimited access to a laptop computer. All laptop computers must meet minimum specifications as published on the School’s website.
Greetings Prospective Student:

At UNM we shape future design leaders.

The rigorous design training students receive at UNM allows our graduates to take on complex design challenges, giving them experiences that prepares them for leadership positions. UNM architecture alumni have found successful careers as licensed architects, real estate developers, artists, web designers, fabricators, community leaders, construction managers, etc.

Our program has a strong reputation for providing a quality education. UNM architecture students receive a lot of personal attention due to a low student / teacher ratio. We offer degrees for both graduate and undergraduate students interested in pursuing a career in architecture and related design disciplines.

BAA students with a minimum GPA of 3.5 (both overall and in studio courses) are automatically admitted to Track 2 of the professionally accredited Master of Architecture program. Dual graduate degrees with UNM’s landscape architecture and community & regional planning programs are also possible.

Please feel free to contact me at quale@unm.edu

John Quale
Chair & Professor of Architecture