

FIELDS OF STUDY

The doctoral program in Architecture offers two tracks of study: History and Theory of Architecture and Ecosystems in Architectural Sciences. Both tracks offer rigorous grounding in their respective fields of specialization while giving future scholars and educators a broad awareness of issues currently facing architecture in its relations with society and the world at large.

The History and Theory track provides training in the historiography and culture of architecture and the built environment. It prepares candidates for careers in university teaching, cultural advocacy and administration, museum curatorship, and publishing, among others. Students focus on a diverse range of topics, often drawing on related disciplines, ranging from art history to the history of science and technology and beyond. The program aims to foster both a deep knowledge of the past and a strong spirit of critical inquiry.

The Ecosystems in Architectural Sciences track provides preparation in interdisciplinary scientific inquiry in support of both academic and professional research careers, qualifying students to collaborate across disciplines and to incorporate experimental research methods within new design frameworks. Doctoral thesis work involves the investigation, development, and testing of novel material and information systems. Students in this track engage in research related to the behaviors of living ecosystems, emphasizing their interconnection with built environment processes.