

# GRADUATE MA

## Structure

The Master of Arts [MA] in Adaptive Reuse is a unique specialist design education on the subject of adaptive reuse as a post-professional study to a first degree in Architecture. The program establishes a clear aesthetic, theoretical and technological framework for the study of adaptive reuse in order that graduating students are properly equipped to engage in architectural practice. The curriculum enables the student to develop strategies that recognize the importance of social and environmental responsibility while expanding upon the architect's understanding of reuse as a product of practice and theory.

Students enter this program with a BArch or MArch. Many have already practiced in the architectural profession. The students are approximately 75-80% international from countries including Australia, China, Greece, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, the Philippines, Korea, Spain, Thailand, Venezuela. The MA begins with a 7-week Denmark Summer Program taught by both a member of the RISD faculty and faculty at our partner institution, Denmark International Studies (DIS) in Copenhagen. The students are assigned a dedicated studio space and have full access to the facilities at DIS that include library, shops, labs, classrooms, and housing. This group is taught together as a studio cohort and participates in travel and lectures with the entire summer DIS student group.

## Curriculum

The 45-credit curriculum provides a specific focus on the practice of adaptive reuse through both design studio and support courses. The Summer Studio in Copenhagen, a city dedicated to a green and sustainable society, sets the tone for the program. The first of three studios, the Summer Studio project is one that repurposes a site within the city. The second studio of the curriculum is one selected by the student from the Department's Advanced Standing Studios. It is a studio experience shared with other upper level students in the department. The final studio Adaptive Reuse studio is a design and full-scale demonstration of such practice in a real life context. Studios are supported by support courses in sustainable systems and theory.

**MA**  
**in Adaptive Reuse**  
**Departmental Curriculum Requirements 2016 - 2017**

**SUMMER**

# Courses Cr

2356	Summer Studio in Scandinavia	6	
2357	Scandinavian Design & Architecture	3	

**FALL**

**WINTERSESSION**

**SPRING**

# Courses Cr

23ST	Advanced Design Studio	6		Electives	6		2361	Principles of Adaptive Reuse	3	
2304	Applied Building Systems for Adaptive Reuse	3					2362	Adaptive Reuse Design	6	
2377	Theory of Adaptive Reuse	3					2363	Graduate Adaptive Reuse Seminar	3	
	Elective	3						Elective	3	

**Curriculum Notes**

Students may choose to take major, non-major or Liberal Arts electives during Wintersession, as space and interest allow.

Total credits required MA+1 year 45

For more information, see the "Graduation Requirements" section of this book.