

Thesis Studio / Directed Thesis Option Policy

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Beginning in Fall 2016, M.Arch and M.Arch joint degrees have the option of choosing Thesis Studio or, on their own initiative, identify and work with a faculty member as Directed Thesis. Under both configurations all students select their own topics, sites, areas of interest, etc.

1) Interested students must complete a proposal form describing their interest, thesis ideas, etc. and submit their application--with the faculty member's signature--to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs near the end of the semester prior to Thesis 1 (e.g. If a student starts Thesis 1 in the Fall he/she must submit an application by April, 30; if starting Thesis 1 in the Spring, they must submit an application by October 30). If approved by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs it will be kept in the student's file. A Directed Thesis student may decide, if desired, to switch to thesis studio, however, a Thesis Studio student may not switch to Directed Thesis unless he/she re-starts Thesis 1.

2) A faculty member may or may not agree to be thesis advocate. Thesis advocacy is purely voluntary on the part of the faculty member and will not be counted as faculty teaching or service workload.

3) Faculty may accept or decline a student's proposal based on load, interest or a student's proposal.

4) If accepted, the students will work independently from the Thesis Studio Part 1 and 2 in developing the thesis, meeting schedule, etc. **EXCEPT the advocate and student must coordinate with the thesis studio critic**