Application for Admission
Master of Design Studies

Application Requirements

- Application for Admission
- $50 Application Fee
- Transcripts
- Course Descriptions (MDS Design For Human Health Only)
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Resume - emphasizing prior education, work experience, and professional contributions
- Essay

Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation must be either sent directly from the source to the BAC, or submitted in an envelope sealed with a signature. Recommendations can be emailed directly from the recommender to admissions upon request. Application files will be considered complete only after all application materials have been submitted.

Please send all application materials to:
Admissions – Master of Design Studies
Boston Architectural College
320 Newbury Street
Boston, MA 02115

Upon receipt of all documentation an admissions committee will evaluate applications to determine eligibility.

Essay Question

Please submit an essay of approximately 500-750 words, 12pt font, Times New Roman, with 1 inch margins addressing the following:

MDS Sustainable Design
What do you hope to gain from your masters studies in Sustainable Design at the BAC? Describe why you are interested in sustainable design, how a master’s degree might foster your aspirations. Include a critical assessment of your present knowledge base and skill set, and how you think the BAC can help develop them further. Do you have a particular insight or approach that you will bring to your masters studies? How do you feel your undergraduate studies and work experience influenced your goals for graduate studies? Please provide specific detail.

MDS Historic Preservation
Describe why you are interested in studying Historic Preservation at the graduate level at the BAC and how earning a master’s degree in this field may support your career goals. Include a critical assessment of your present knowledge base and skill set, and how you think the BAC can help you develop them further. Do you have a particular insight or approach that you will bring to your masters studies? How do you feel your undergraduate studies and work experience influenced your goals for graduate studies? Please provide specific detail.

MDS Design For Human Health
Reflect upon your past educational and professional experience and describe what you hope to gain from the Masters of Design Studies in Design for Human Health. Please include any particular insights, skills, or approaches that you will bring to your masters studies. Describe why you are interested in design for human health and how a master’s degree might foster your future aspirations. Please provide specific details.
Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation attesting to your academic and professional abilities, along with your ability to engage in self-directed studies, prioritize tasks and assignments, and meet deadlines.

International Applicants

Applicants who have a first language other than English must demonstrate a level of English proficiency necessary to complete studies at the master’s level. International applicants may submit documentation of an undergraduate degree completion where English was the medium of instruction, or a TOEFL score report with a minimum score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (internet-based). A foreign credential evaluation is required of all international transcripts. We recommend WES or ECE for credential evaluations. International students enrolling in the MDS program must apply for an F-1 student visa for every required intensive. The F-1 student visa only permits stay in the U.S. for each residency; therefore students will be required to leave the U.S. at the conclusion of each intensive.
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- Please complete this form as part of the application to the Master of Design Studies program.
- Please provide official transcripts from all colleges/universities listed in Section Two.
- If the name (e.g. maiden name) that appears on any of your previous academic records differs from the name on this application please so indicate: ______________________________

Section One - Personal Information

<Last Name>                      <First Name>                      <Middle Initial>

1. The degree program to which I am applying is:
   __ Master of Design Studies in Sustainable Design
   __ Master of Design Studies in Historic Preservation
   __ Master of Design Studies Design For Human Health

2. Entering in:  

   3. I am an international student:  
   Fall 20__  
   Spring 20__  
   ___Yes  
   ___No

3. Current Address:

   <Street>

   <City>                      <State>                      <Zip>                      <Country>

4. Permanent Address (if different from above):

   <Street>

   <City>                      <State>                      <Zip>                      <Country>

5.  

   <Phone Number>                      <Email Address>
6. _____________________________  _____________________________
   <Date of Birth – MO/DAY/YR>  <Place of Birth>

7. Gender: _____ Male  _____ Female

8.  ____ American Indian/Alaskan Native  ____ Asian  ____ Black or African American  
    ____ Hispanic/Latino  ____ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  ____ Non-Resident 
    ____ Race/Ethnicity Unknown  ____ Two or More Races  ____ White  ____ Decline To State

   <Ethnicity (for reporting purposes only)>

9. _______________________________________
   <Social Security Number>

10. _______________________________________
    <Country of Citizenship>  <Primary Language>

11. _______________________________________
    <United States Citizen or Permanent Resident/Registration Number>

12. How did you hear about the Master of Design Studies program?

   ____________________________________________________________________________

13. Are you applying for financial aid?
    _____ Yes  _____ No
    If “yes”, please complete the federal form for financial aid, the FAFSA, online at www.fafsa.ed.gov (BAC School Code: 003966)

14. Have you previously enrolled in any courses at the BAC?
    _____ Yes  _____ No

    Please provide a list of any BAC courses for which you would like to receive transfer credit. Include course number, name and date.

15. To what other schools are you applying, if any?

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   A p p l i c a t i o n  –  P a g e  2
16. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Felony convictions will not necessarily preclude you from admission to the Boston Architectural College

Section Two – Prior Experience

17. List all colleges/universities, other post secondary educational schools, and English language programs you have attended or are attending, beginning with the most recent:

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Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation may be cause for denial of my application for the admission or dismissal from the Boston Architectural College.

17. ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
   <Signature>                     <Name (Please Print)>  <Date>

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