

Harvard University, Graduate School of Design – Master in Design Studies: Risk and Resilience

Risk & Resilience, a concentration area within the Master in Design Studies, is a one-and-a-half or two year non-studio degree program that sets out to support novel approaches to socio-spatial planning through design. Design as a discipline provides cities, communities, and individuals with tools to effectively prepare for, cope with, and anticipate rapid change within the spatial, social and economic vulnerabilities it produces. The program prepares students to identify, articulate and propose preemptive forms of practice. While the program is grounded in the physical and tectonic realities of location, it is the social and political conflicts that emerge as sites of investigation.

Required Courses (16 Units)

DES-3348 The Idea of Environment
DES-3356 Field Methods and Living Collections
SES-5290 The Space of Conflict
SCI-6322 Mapping: Geographic Representation and Speculation

Elective Courses (28-32 Units)

In the second semester, students will elect which track to follow to complete the program:

3 Semester Track: Qualifying Paper (48 Units)

Electives or remaining requirements (16 units)

Qualifying Paper

Or

4 Semester Track: Open Projects (56 Units)

Fall

Electives or remaining requirements (12 units)

ADV-9306 Open Project I

Spring

ADV-9307 Open Project II

Harvard University, Graduate School of Design is accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting Board, the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board & Planning Accreditation Board.

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