

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

BSc Interior Architecture (12132020)

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 382

NQF level 07

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Programme information

Interior architecture is the art and science of the design of designated spaces. It focuses on the needs of the user and the harmony between architectural spaces and the detailed design of spaces and life-style products. Graduates will have the ability to design interiors and products. Attention is given to the design process, building and material technology, building climate, ergonomics, history and visual communication within the context of society, economics, politics and technology. It is very important that students have the ability to visualise spaces, think three-dimensionally and solve problems creatively.

Students are advised to work in the offices of an architect or an interior architect during the university recesses to gain practical experience.

It is recommended that those graduates wishing to become professional Interior architects must hereafter apply to register for the BIntHons degree (one year full-time) and the MInt(Prof) degree (one year full-time). Those candidates wishing to become interior and product designers must hereafter register for the one year full-time honours degree programme in Interior Architecture [BIntHons].

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: candidates who are in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Grade 11 results are used in the conditional admission of prospective students.
- A valid qualification with admission to degree studies is required.
- Minimum subject and achievement requirements, as set out below, are required.
- ?BSc (Interior Architecture) will only be considered as first study choice. Selection programme: Selection includes an interview.
- Tuition will be presented in English only.

Minimum requirements Achievement level

**English Home
Language or
English First
Additional
Language**

Mathematics

Physical Science

APS

NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level
5	C	4	D	4	D

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* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

Additional requirements

Students wishing to transfer to other programmes in the Department of Architecture must obtain written consent from the admissions committee.

Other programme-specific information

Concurrent presentation

In the third year of study Design, Construction, Design communication, Environmental studies, Earth studies and Material studies must initially be examined in the same year.

Awarding of degree

The degree is awarded to those students who have obtained all the prescribed credits for the programme modules.

Promotion to next study year

A student is promoted to a subsequent year of study after acquiring all the prerequisite module credits of the preceding year of study. A student is deemed to be in the year of study for which he or she is registered in Design.

If the student is not registered for Design the highest passed year of Design determines the year of study.

Please Note: Students not promoted to the next year of study must obtain the approval of the programme coordinator and the Head of Department to register for modules in the subsequent year of study. Students must re-apply for admission to the Department of Architecture in instances where:

- a student is not promoted to the second year of study;
- a student after repeating any year of study, is not promoted to the following year of study.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who, at first registration, simultaneously passes both Design 303 and Construction 320 with distinction (75%) with the proviso that the degree is completed within the minimum prescribed time and all other final-year modules are passed on first registration without any supplementary/special examinations.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 116

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 102 (AIM 102)

Module credits 6.00

Service modules

Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology and Religion
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology. Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology and Religion

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 1



Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology and Religion
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Informatics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Academic orientation 112 (UPO 112)

Module credits 0.00

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department EBIT Deans Office

Period of presentation Year

Core modules

Earth studies 110 (AAL 110)

Module credits 8.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Architecture

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to ecosystemic and systems thinking, ecology, natural resources and stress on the environment; social ecological systems and wellbeing; ecological design principles.

Digital visual communication 110 (ARC 110)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Basic overview and understanding of digital architectural visualisation using tools such as prescribed open source photo editing software that enhances hand drawing techniques.

Construction 111 (KON 111)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The context of architectural technology and the relationships between technology, theory, structure and materials. Drawing conventions. The typical city site. The construction and materials of a single storey dwelling with masonry walls and a pitched roof, from preparation for building work to substructure, retaining walls and floors.

Construction 121 (KON 121)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	KON 111 GS
Contact time	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Continuation of the construction and materials of a single storey dwelling. Superstructure: walls, opening, roofs, finishes and services.

Design communication 120 (OKU 120)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Quarter 3: Introduction to basic computer aided design.

Quarter 4: Introduction to the theory of structures: Forces, moments, stresses, strains, Young's Modulus, Structural components: beams, columns and trusses.

Environmental theory 110 (OML 110)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introductory contextualisation of twentieth century artefacts within the framework of history from Antiquity to Modernity. Building types as artefacts of material culture. Approaches and guidelines to the study of history of the environment. Understanding of the process of endemic construction and its monumentalisation, settlement and urbanisation of various ages and environments. An interdisciplinary investigation of living spaces as shapers of social interaction. The history of the environment of the Mediterranean Antique, Bronze Age, Classical and Biblical societies.

Environmental studies 120 (OML 120)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The history of the environment of and the link between North-Europe and the Mediterranean area, the Arabic peninsula and the Indies, from the fall of Jerusalem up until the fall of Constantinople in 1453 AD. Tao, Shinto and the landscape of the Far East.



Design 100 (ONT 100)

Module credits	60.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	17 studio hours per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Introduction to design and integration with supporting modules. Design principles, skills and techniques. Small-scale design projects and environmental influences (physical, social, cultural, historical), space requirements and creative interpretation. Acquisition of skills in design communication through imagination, intuition and conceptual thinking. Relation of internal to external space. Anthropometry and ergonomics; visual literacy (visual media, analysis and interpretation) and criticism. The designer as visual thinker. Perception; ideograms. Development of a vocabulary to describe and illustrate the discipline of design. Pertinent theory that informs and supports the design process.



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 134

Core modules

Earth studies 210 (AAL 210)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Designing towards wellbeing within the built environment: responsive and passive design in natural and mesoscale environments.

Earth studies 223 (AAL 223)

Module credits	4.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Quarter 3

Module content

The impact of social, economic and political systems on, and the multidisciplinary approach to design decisionmaking for inclusive environments and barrier-free environments. The application of this understanding in developing communities.

Earth studies 224 (AAL 224)

Module credits	4.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Quarter 4

Module content

Environmental filters and forecasting techniques:

Sound: the physical nature of sound, physiology of hearing, sound and noise sources, transfer, absorption and isolation, noise control; measurement, levels, frequency analysis, A-loading, room acoustics, reverberation periods.

Light: properties of natural light, design criteria, daylight factors, diffusion, quality, energy requirements and saving.

Community-based project 201 (JCP 201)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 other contact session per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Informatics
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This project-orientated module is a form of applied learning which is directed at specific community needs and is integrated into all undergraduate academic programmes offered by the Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology. The main objectives with the module are as follows:

- (1) The execution of a community related project aimed at achieving a beneficial impact on a chosen section of society, preferably but not exclusively, by engagement with a section of society which is different from the student's own social background.
- (2) The development of an awareness of personal, social and cultural values, an attitude to be of service, and an understanding of social issues, for the purpose of being a responsible professional.
- (3) The development of important multidisciplinary and life skills, such as communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.

Assessment in the module will include all or most of the following components: evaluation and approval of project proposal, assessment of oral and/or written progress reports, peer assessment in the event of team projects, written reportback by those at which the project was aimed at, and final assessment on grounds of the submission of a portfolio and a written report.

Construction 210 (KON 210)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	KON 111 and KON 121
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Double-storeyed buildings: reinforced concrete, steel and timber-framed structures. Offshutter concrete. Load-bearing masonry. Low-pitch roofs and waterproofing, other pitched-roof finishes. Lightweight partitioning. Glass. Joinery. Small precast elements.

Construction 220 (KON 220)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	KON 210 GS
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Soil mechanics: foundations, basement construction and waterproofing. Site structures: geotextiles and geomembranes, stairs, walls, retaining walls, fences, ramps, gabions, prefabricated retaining blocks. Built planters, lapas, braais, pavilions, decks.

Material studies 223 (MST 223)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to materials with applications in the field of interior design: material families, basic properties and selection. Wall (partition), ceiling and floor finishes. Window treatments. Ceramics as architectural finishes. Surface theory 1 (including colour and interior paint applications).

Environmental theory 210 (OML 210)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The history of the environment and the link between North-Europe and a newly discovered world from the time of the circumnavigation of the southernmost Cape Point of Africa till the Industrial Revolution.

Environmental studies 220 (OML 220)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

History of the environment of Western societies and their dominions from the Industrial Revolution up to the intellectual questioning of Modernism. Southern African housing typologies and Western artefacts as manifestation of socio-political realities since 1488 AD.

Design 203 (ONT 203)

Module credits	60.00
Prerequisites	AAL 110, KON 111, KON 121, OML 110, OML 120 and ONT 100
Contact time	17 studio hours per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The process and product of design through the integration of supporting modules. Spatial design as response to user. Design of inclusive environments, reuse of architectural space, planning and form-giving processes, production and identity as design determinants. The influence of perception, ergonomics and the tectonics on space making. Scenographic, product, exhibition or installation design. Skills: programming, architectural space analysis, time management, advanced graphic and reprographic techniques. Pertinent theory that informs and supports the design process in interior architecture.

Textiles: Utilities, fibres and yarns 212 (TKS 212)

Module credits	14.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Consumer and Food Sciences



Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Utility aspects: basic components of textiles, consumer decision making, utility aspects that include durability, comfort, maintenance, health/safety/protection and aesthetic aspects. Fibres and yarns: Fibre structure and performance including textile chemistry, fibre morphology and formation, fibre properties, classification and identification. Yarn structure and performance (including spun yarns, filament yarns, compound and novelty yarns).

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 132

Core modules

Earth studies 320 (AAL 320)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	AAL 210
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Ecosystemic thinking for the designer in terms of culture, science and environment. The designer as critic; analysis of precedents. Application of principles of sustainable development and ecological design including energy demand and efficiency and energy dissipation.

Introduction to construction contract law 322 (KKR 322)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

An introduction to the principles of construction contract law and an overview of standardised conditions of contract for the built environment.

Construction 310 (KON 310)

Module credits	12.00
Prerequisites	KON 210 and KON 220
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 1



Module content

Roads: design and construction, materials and finishes, kerbing. Water features: design and construction. Street furniture. Construction equipment. Site and building services: water lines, sanitary plumbing and pipe systems above ground and indoors, underground sewer systems, electricity and gas. Electrical lighting: light, lamp types, luminaires; lighting requirements. Design application.

Construction 320 (KON 320)

Module credits	12.00
Prerequisites	KON 310 GS
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Integration of the foregoing coursework. Introduction to construction norms and standards, technical drawing practice and specifications. Cost estimates, feasibility and payability. Advanced materials: ceramics, polymers, adhesives, paint, metals, glass. Human transportation systems: types, applications. Design of a small commercial building/landscape/interior space (in DESIGN) and the preparation of its construction drawings.

Material studies 313 (MST 313)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	TKS 212 and MST 223
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Unconventional construction materials: properties, applications.

Material studies 323 (MST 323)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	MST 313
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Application of materials in artificial environments:

- Development of modern materials and processes in product design
- Joint theory
- New applications in technical textiles, polymers and other artificial materials
- Material selection and technical development in conjunction with projects in design (ONT 303) and construction (KON 320)

Design communication 300 (OKU 300)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	ONT 200/ONT 202/ONT 203
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 1 studio hour per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Advanced digital visualisation and representation tools to support design projects. Document and building information management.

History of the environment 310 (OMG 310)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

History of the environment of African societies between the tropics within global context until the present.

History of the environment 320 (OMG 320)

Module credits	6.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

History of the environment of Southern African societies from the old Stone Age until the present.

Design 303 (ONT 303)

Module credits 52.00

Prerequisites KON 210, KON 220, OML 210, OML 220 and ONT 203

Contact time 17 studio hours per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Architecture

Period of presentation Year

Module content

The process of design through the integration of supporting modules. The design of spaces with the emphasis on lateral thinking and ritual through adaptive reuse.

The design of a commercial project in an existing architectural envelope in an urban context with a complex program developed to construction drawings in KON 320. Corporate identity, statutory requirements, feasibility and payability studies, tenant mix. Theory of normative positions and the relationship between global intellectual movements and the local debate. Appraising the state of current design production and the establishment of identity through design.

Practice management 310 (PJS 310)

Module credits 8.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Architecture

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Management of an architectural practice and architectural project from inception up to local authority submission.

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