

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

MArch (Professional) (12252026)

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

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Programme information

The Master of Architecture (Professional) is a taught master's degree for the purposes of registration as a candidate professional architect with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession in terms of Act 44 of 2000 and is done by coursework, projects and a design investigation mini-dissertation and design project and discourse.

Admission requirements

- A BArch Hons degree; or an equivalent degree that includes spatial design at NQF level 8 (or NQF level 7 for qualifications obtained before 2009). The departmental Postgraduate Committee may require an evaluation in fields of knowledge and registration for additional modules for non-degree purposes.
- An applicant who has completed a BArch Hons degree at the University of Pretoria with a minimum average of 60% for all modules in the honours curriculum (completed in the same academic year) will be granted admission to this degree.
- All other applicants must have practical experience and/or a record of an extended study excursion, submit a portfolio and design journal, and are interviewed for selection.
- A limited number of applicants are admitted to this degree. Refer to the departmental website for guidelines.

Additional requirements

Also refer to General Regulations G.30 to G.40 and G. 50 to G.54.

Other programme-specific information

Design topic

The topic of the final design project (DIT 801 & DPD 801) must be approved by the relevant head of department.

Awarding of degree

The degree is awarded to those students who have obtained the prescribed credits. Those students admitted with conditions must comply with all of these before all the 700 series module credits and the degree are awarded.

Examinations and pass requirements

The minimum pass mark is 50%. A minimum of 40% is required in the examination, with a minimum final mark of 50% to pass. If a module is not evaluated by examination a minimum coursework mark of 50% is required. If the module is not evaluated by coursework a minimum examination mark of 50% is required.

Research information

General Regulation G.39.12 applies.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on those students registering for the first time and obtaining a distinction (75%) simultaneously for both the Design investigation mini-dissertation (DIT 801) and the Design project and discourse (DPD 801) with the proviso that the degree is completed within the minimum prescribed time and all other final-year modules are passed on first registration.



Curriculum: Final year

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Core modules

[Continuing practice development 810](#) (CPD 810) - Credits: 15.00

[Design investigation 801](#) (DIT 801) - Credits: 75.00

[Mini-dissertation: Design project and discourse 801](#) (DPD 801) - Credits: 90.00

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