

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

MArch Professional (12252026)

Department Architecture

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

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

1. BArchHons (or equivalent) degree in spatial design with at least one year of practical experience and/or a record of an extended study excursion
2. Candidates with a cumulative weighted average of at least 60% for all the modules of the honours degree and who completed the honours degree in the same term (academic year), will receive preference

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

Minimum credits: 180

Core modules

Continuing practice development 810 (CPD 810)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	20 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Design investigation 801 (DIT 801)

Module credits	75.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	6 seminars per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Year

Mini-dissertation: Design project and discourse 801 (DPD 801)

Module credits	90.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	6 seminars per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Research-led design project. Students may from time to time be required to undertake experiential learning/practical work, community engagement or data collection activities related to on-site research in socioeconomically underprivileged areas.



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