University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

Master of Architecture Professional [MArch] (12252026)

Department	Architecture
Minimum duration of study	1 year
Total credits	180
NQF level	09

Programme information

The Professional degrees are presented as a taught master's degree for the purpose of registration as a candidate professional and is done by coursework projects, a design investigation mini-dissertation and design project.

Refer also to G34 – G41.

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

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 Academic Regulation G39.12 applies with regard to the required publication.

A mini-dissertation must be submitted on a field of study as approved by the Department.

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.

General information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

Core modules

Continuing practice development 810 (CPD 810) - Credits: 30.00
Design investigation 801 (DIT 801) - Credits: 60.00
Design project and discourse 801 (DPD 801) - Credits: 90.00

Regulations and rules

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The General Academic Regulations (G Regulations) and General Student Rules apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.

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