



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

BSc (Interior Architecture) Interior Architecture (12132008)

Duration of study 3 years

Total credits 412

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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

Applicants who matriculated before or in 2007

The following minimum requirements for admission apply: A grade 12 Certificate with university endorsement and at least 40% (E symbol) in Mathematics and Physical Science on Higher Grade or at least 50% (D symbol) for the same subjects at Standard Grade. A minimum M Score of 18 is required for Grade 12.

Applicants who matriculated in 2008 or thereafter

The following minimum requirements for admission apply: A National Senior Certificate with access to degree studies and a minimum Admission Point Score (APS) of 27; a minimum achievement level of 4 (at least 50%) for Mathematics and Physical Science; a minimum achievement level of 5 (at least 60%) for Afrikaans or English (as home language or first additional language) and an achievement level of at least 4 (minimum 50%) for Life Orientation although this subject is not used in the calculation of the APS. The APS is calculated using two language subjects Mathematics Physical Science and any two

other subjects excluding Life Orientation.

Transfers

Students currently enrolled for other study programmes may apply for permission to transfer to the Department of Architecture. For these applicants round 1 of the selection process will be based on their Grade 12 results (refer to requirements for admission) their academic record and a detailed written motivation explaining reasons for wanting to transfer.

Students who are currently registered at UP should submit their applications directly to the Admissions Officer School for the Built Environment. Students who are registered at other tertiary institutions must apply through the Client Service Centre. Note the closing date. Applicants will not be permitted to register for any modules in advance (prior to having been granted final admission).

National Benchmark Test (NBT)

The Department of Architecture does not require all applicants to take the NBT (generally known as the National Benchmark Test). In special cases the Admissions Officer will inform candidates of the arrangements should the test be an additional requirement. Candidates who also apply at other departments or institutions are advised to enquire if these tests are required elsewhere.

Admission Requirements

- In order to register NSC/IEB/Cambridge candidates must comply with the minimum requirements for degree studies as well as with the minimum requirements for the relevant study programme.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Grade 11 results are used in the provisional admission of prospective students.
- A valid National Senior Certificate (NSC) with admission to degree studies is required.
- Minimum subject and achievement requirements as set out below are required. On first-year level a student has a choice between Afrikaans and English as language medium. In certain cases tuition may be presented in English only for example in electives where the lecturer may not speak Afrikaans or in cases where it is not economically or practically viable.
- Provisional admission to the four-year programme in the School of Engineering is only guaranteed if a prospective student complies with ALL the requirements below.

Note

Candidates who do not comply with the minimum requirements, set out above, but who have obtained a minimum APS of 30, an achievement level of 5 for English or Afrikaans, 6 for Mathematics and 5 for Physical Science, will be considered for provisional admission to either the four-year programme or the ENGAGE programme based on the results of the compulsory NBT.

Admission to ENGAGE in the School of Engineering will be determined by the results of the NBT, NSC



results, an achievement level of 5 in Mathematics and 4 in Physical Science, as well as an achievement level of 4 in Afrikaans or English, together with an APS of 25.

Students may apply directly to be considered for the ENGAGE programme.

Minimum requirements for 2016												
Achievement level												
Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				Physical Sciences				APS
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
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- Will only be considered as first study choice
- Selection programme: Selection includes an interview.

Practical requirement

At least one year of work or travel recommended.

Important dates

The academic year of the University of Pretoria starts in January and ends early in December. It is divided into two semesters (or four quarter modules) with short recesses in April July and September. In order to gain practical experience students are advised to work at a practice during the University recesses. The University calendar is available online at www.up.ac.za/calendars.

1 March: Applications for admission open for the next academic year. Applications should be handed in at the Client Service Centre or can be submitted electronically.

30 June: Last day to submit all undergraduate applications for admission to the Department of Architecture for the following academic year. This closing date also applies to all transfer applications.

June/July/August/September: Departmental selection tests are written on scheduled Saturdays. Dates are automatically allocated and cannot be rescheduled.

October recess: 4 October to 12 October 2015: Final selection interviews for applicants on the shortlist.

31 October: Selection results are available. Applicants are notified of the outcome in writing.

30 November: Last day for selected students to acknowledge their selection and pay deposits or make arrangements for payment.



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:

- (i) a student is not promoted to the second year of study;
- (ii) 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 orientation 112 (UPO 112) - Credits: 0.00

Academic information management 102 (AIM 102) - Credits: 6.00

Core modules

Earth studies 110 (AAL 110) - Credits: 10.00

Construction 111 (KON 111) - Credits: 8.00

Construction 121 (KON 121) - Credits: 8.00

Design communication 120 (OKU 120) - Credits: 6.00

Environmental theory 110 (OML 110) - Credits: 6.00

Environmental studies 120 (OML 120) - Credits: 6.00

Design 100 (ONT 100) - Credits: 60.00

Elective modules

Elective module 110 (ARC 110) - Credits: 6.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 134

Core modules

Earth studies 210 (AAL 210) - Credits: 8.00

Earth studies 223 (AAL 223) - Credits: 4.00

Earth studies 224 (AAL 224) - Credits: 4.00

Community-based project 201 (JCP 201) - Credits: 8.00

Construction 210 (KON 210) - Credits: 8.00

Construction 220 (KON 220) - Credits: 8.00

Environmental theory 210 (OML 210) - Credits: 6.00

Environmental studies 220 (OML 220) - Credits: 6.00

Design 203 (ONT 203) - Credits: 60.00

Textiles: Utilities, fibres and yarns 212 (TKS 212) - Credits: 14.00

Material studies 223 (MST 223) - Credits: 8.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 152

Core modules

- Earth studies 320 (AAL 320) - Credits: 6.00
- Business law 310 (BER 310) - Credits: 16.00
- Construction 310 (KON 310) - Credits: 8.00
- Construction 320 (KON 320) - Credits: 8.00
- Material studies 313 (MST 313) - Credits: 8.00
- Material studies 323 (MST 323) - Credits: 8.00
- Design communication 313 (OKU 313) - Credits: 6.00
- History of the environment 310 (OMG 310) - Credits: 6.00
- History of the environment 320 (OMG 320) - Credits: 6.00
- Environmental studies 310 (OML 310) - Credits: 6.00
- Environmental studies 320 (OML 320) - Credits: 6.00
- Design 303 (ONT 303) - Credits: 60.00
- Practice management 320 (PJS 320) - Credits: 8.00

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