

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

MArch (Professional) (12252026)

Duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

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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 candidate for the degree programme Master of Architecture (Professional):

1) must be a graduate with a BArchHons degree or an equivalent university degree;

or

2) must have an appropriate recognised tertiary qualification at honours degree level;

or

3) must have a qualification deemed adequate by the Head of Department in consultation with the Dean and obtain (where necessary) the approval of Senate and comply with any other prescribed requirements.

Candidates mentioned in (2) and (3) above may at the discretion of the Head of Department be required to be evaluated in prerequisite fields of knowledge and/or register for additional modules for non-degree purposes.

Candidates mentioned in (1) (2) and (3) above

(i) should preferably have had practical experience and/or have done and recorded an extended study excursion;

(ii) are interviewed for selection;

(iii) must present a portfolio and/or design journal which demonstrates the requisite level of proficiency and competency and is considered a record of their experience within the discipline;

(iv) are selected on merit.

Please Note: A limited number of candidates are admitted to this programme.

Also refer to G Regulations

Additional requirements

Also refer to G 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 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

Core modules

Continuing practice development 810 (CPD 810)

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

Design investigation 801 (DIT 801)

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

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

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

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