

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Master of Architecture [MArch] (Coursework) (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. Bachelor of Interior Architecture Honours (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 weighted average of at least 60% for all the modules of the honours degree and who completed the honours degree in the minimum time 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 if a student who is registered for the degree for the first time completes the degree within the minimum prescribed time and passes all modules with a weighted average of 75% (not rounded).

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Continuing practice development 810 (CPD 810)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	56 lectures per year
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Design specialisation and advanced professional practice.

Design investigation 801 (DIT 801)

Module credits	60.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Architecture
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Individual report of independent research under the guidance of a supervisor.

Design project and discourse 801 (DPD 801)

Module credits	90.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	28 lectures per year
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.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.