



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PhD specialising in Architecture (12262004)

Department Architecture

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

- Subject to the stipulations of the General Academic Regulation G42, a master's degree is required for admission to studies for a PhD.
- A PhD student must submit a thesis which deals with a topic from the list of subject disciplines and research focus areas as stipulated by the relevant Department.
- Unless otherwise decided by the Dean, on the recommendation of the supervisor, the PhD degree is awarded on the basis of a thesis. An oral examination may be required at the request of the external examiners, or the dean, on the recommendation of the head of department.
- Unless the Senate, on the recommendation of the supervisor, decides otherwise, a student, before or on submission of a thesis, must submit proof of submission of an article issued by an accredited journal, to the Head: Student Administration. The submitted article should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the thesis and be approved by the supervisor if the supervisor is not a co-author. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that the paper is taken through all the processes of revision and resubmission, as may be necessary. Conferment of the degree may be made subject to compliance with the stipulations of this regulation.
- The student must provide proof by means of their work, thesis and examination of advanced original research and/or creative work which makes a real and substantial contribution to the knowledge and/ or practice of the discipline.

Refer also to G42 – G55.

Admission requirements

- Relevant master's degree
- Research methodology passed at master's level
- An intellectual CV with specific reference to research or creative output and publications

Additional requirements

Candidates in possession of a master's degree by coursework may, at the discretion of the relevant head of department, be required to pass supplementary modules prior to commencing of studies.



Examinations and pass requirements

The doctoral examination, either written or oral, **is compulsory**, and covers the content of the thesis as well as the field of study on which the thesis is based.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Thesis: [Architecture 990](#) (ARG 990) - Credits: 360.00



Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: [Architecture 990](#) (ARG 990) - Credits: 360.00

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.