



ARCHITECTURE

School of the Built Environment and Development Studies | College of Humanities | University of KwaZulu-Natal

TO GENERATE ARCHITECTURE THAT ENABLES SOCIETY'S FULL POTENTIAL



INSPIRING GREATNESS



Unique Local Context

Durban has a challenging environment and topography, coupled with cultural and social diversity. Studying here helps our students appreciate the 'ordinary' preparing them for the challenges of the real world and encouraging a resourceful and practical approach.



Research With Purpose

We align ourselves with the universities focus on being a Premier University of African Scholarship.

Our reputation for producing work that is practically useful and exceptional coupled with our outstanding resource library makes our programme an asset not just to our students but to the profession as a whole.



Multi- and Inter-Disciplinary

Our school has an unusual but exciting grouping of disciplines. This coupled with a strong culture of studio life and shared modules allows us the opportunity to cross pollinate with other disciplines and expose our students to more real world situations.



Producing Employable Students

The discipline produces resourceful and capable students that are both eminently employable and are also able to create employment themselves.



Strong Leadership

We develop our students to be leaders in the profession. We celebrate home-grown leadership and lessons and draw on leading professionals to be associated with the discipline.

Enabling your studies in this discipline is an approachable and informed Board of Advisors, Emeritus Professors, Associate Professors, Academics, Studio Support, Administrators and Technical Support personnel.

An aerial photograph of a city grid, showing streets and buildings from a high angle. A white rectangular text box is overlaid on the left side of the image. The text is in a red, sans-serif font. The background shows a mix of urban structures, including some taller buildings and a grid of streets.

Bachelor of Architectural Studies

The Bachelor of Architectural Studies degree is a three year programme that provides a strong academic and practical foundation for students in both their yearlong internship in an architectural firm and their Masters in Architecture degree that is to follow thereafter. The studio is the core of our student's practical learning and is supported and enhanced by key theoretical modules such as theory, history and technology.

It is in this well-equipped studio environment that students are mentored by professional architects and academics to realise their creative potential. The first year introduces students to the principles of architecture from an anthropometric perspective, the second year introduces further social and environmental influences on architecture and the final year prepares students for their internship.

Masters in Architecture

The Master in Architecture degree is a two year programme. It is expected in post graduate studies that students take initiative in developing their own design schemes based on their research. Through this process they learn about the broader context within which architecture situates itself and in so doing develop urban design and community engagement skills. Learning from others outside of the discipline is encouraged academically by students taking electives from other disciplines and through learning from interacting with established communities with real issues within the city of Durban.

In order to register as professional Architect with the South African Council of Architects you need to have completed your Masters in Architecture and passed your board exam. The master's selection process is rigorous and only those that meet minimum requirements will be eligible for application. The requirements are a 60% average for the Bachelor of Architectural Studies degree and minimum one year internship in an architectural office.



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