

THE MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE COURSE

(Full Time/Part Time)

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OM 1 TITLE OF THE COURSE

OM 1.1 The course shall be called Master of Architecture abbreviated as M.Arch. (Subject of Specialization)

OM 2 DURATION OF THE COURSE

OM 2.1 There shall be two categories: 1) Full time course and 2) Part time course

OM 2.2 Full time Course

- a) The course shall extend over a period of four semesters of total duration of 24 months.
- b) The schedule of the semesters shall be as follows:

First Semester

- i) Class work according to scheme - 18 weeks
- ii) Examination and vacation - 6 weeks

Second Semester

- i) Class work according to scheme - 18 weeks
- ii) Examination and vacation - 6 week

Third Semester

- i) Professional training - 8 weeks
- ii) Class work according to scheme - 18 weeks
- iii) Examination and vacation - 6 weeks

Fourth Semester

- i) Class work according to scheme - 18 weeks
- ii) Examination - 6 weeks

OM 2.3 Part Time Course

- a) The course shall extend over 6 semesters of total duration of 36 months
- b) The scheme for each semester shall be worked out such that it covers all the course work prescribed for the full time course, including professional training and dissertation.

OM 2.4 A full time candidate shall be allowed a maximum duration of eight semesters from the first semester of admission to become eligible for the award of Master's Degree, failing which he/she may register once again as a fresh candidate.

OM 2.5 A part time candidate shall be allowed a maximum of 12 semesters duration from the first semester of admission to become eligible for the award of Master's degree failing which he/she may register once again as a fresh candidate.

OM 2.6 The calendar of events in respect of the course shall be fixed by the University from time to time.

OM 3 ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

- OM 3.1** Admission to the Master of Architecture shall be open to all the candidates who have passed B.Arch. course of VTU or any other University/Institution or any other course recognized as equivalent thereto.
- OM 3.2** Admission to M.Arch., course shall be open for the candidates who have passed the prescribed qualifying examination with not less than 50% of the marks in the aggregate of qualifying examinations. However, in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST and OBC, the aggregate percentage of marks in the qualifying examinations shall be not less than 45%.
- OM 3.3** There shall be an entrance examination for admission to M.Arch. Courses of various streams. There shall be an Admission Committee for M.Arch. Course in each college consisting of the Head of of Architecture Department as Chairperson, one senior staff member of the Department and one Nominee of VTU as its members. The Principals of concerned Colleges shall obtain from the VTU the nomination of its nominee. The Admission Committee shall hold the concerned examination and shall also conduct the interview of the candidates.
- OM 3.4** Ranking shall be done by taking into consideration the performance of the Candidates in the entrance examination, the percentage of marks obtained by them in the qualifying examination and their performance in the interview, and accordingly admission shall be made in the order of merit.
- OM 3.5** The candidates who have qualified in GATE (Architecture) examinations shall be given priority. They are exempted from taking entrance examination.
- OM 3.6** If sufficient GATE qualified candidates are not available, such seats shall be filled from amongst the candidates appeared for entrance examination in the order of merit.
- OM 3.7** The maximum number of seats under various categories (regular, sponsored candidates and SC/ST) shall be as sanctioned by the Council of Architecture, State Government and VTU, from time to time.
- OM 3.8** Subject to the provisions of OM 3.1 and OM 3.2, members of the Teaching / Research staff/ Teaching Assistants working in any college, Department of Architecture recognized by the Council of Architecture either in the state of Karnataka or outside and who have put in a minimum of three years of teaching experience on a full time basis in Architectural Colleges, Polytechnic institutions/any other institutions imparting Architectural Education shall be eligible for admission to M.Arch. Courses under sponsored quota, if they are sponsored by the respective institutions/DTE. Where sufficient number of such candidates is not available, candidates with minimum two years of teaching experience may be allowed to the course against sponsored quota.
- OM 3.9** Subject to the provisions of OM 3.1 and OM 3.2 members working in the State Government/Central Government/Quasi Government Organizations/Public Sector/ Private Architectural Practices, who have put in a minimum of three years of working experience and are sponsored by the concerned Organizations

shall also be eligible to seek admissions to M.Arch. Courses against sponsored quota.

OM 3.10 The Architecture graduates other than the graduates of any of the Universities of Karnataka State shall have to obtain Eligibility Certificate from the VTU to seek admission to M.Arch. course in any of the colleges affiliated to VTU.

OM 3.11 Part time students whose place of working is within the radial distance of 40 Kms from the institution where they seek admission shall take admission to the course under the regulation OM 3.8 and OM 3.9.

OM 4 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

OM 4.1 Each course of a semester shall be treated as a separate unit for calculation of the attendance.

OM 4.2 A candidate shall be considered to have satisfied the attendance requirement if he/she has attended not less than 75% of the classes in each subject of all the semesters (Theory, Studio, Seminars, Professional Training and Dissertation work) actually conducted up to the end of the semester.

OM 4.3 A candidate who does not satisfy the attendance requirement mentioned as above shall not be eligible to appear for the examination of that semester and shall be required to repeat that semester along with regular students during the subsequent year.

OM 4.4 If a candidate, for any reason, discontinues the course in the middle, he/she may be permitted to register to continue the course along with subsequent batch, subject to the condition that he/she shall complete the class work, studio work and seminar including submission of dissertation within maximum stipulated period. Such a candidate shall not be eligible to be considered for the award of rank.

OM 4.5 The Principals of the concerned colleges shall notify regularly the list of such candidates who fall short of attendance.

OM 4.6 The list of the candidates falling short of attendance shall be sent to the University at least one week prior to the commencement of the examination.

OM 5 PROGRESSIVE MARKS

OM 5.1 Each candidate shall obtain not less than 50% of the maximum marks prescribed for the progressive marks of each subject, including theory, studio, seminar and dissertation work.

OM 5.2 Progressive marks shall be based on assignments, tests, studio projects, oral examinations and seminars conducted in respective subjects.

OM 5.3 Candidates obtaining less than 50% of the progressive marks in any subject shall not be eligible to appear for the examination in that subject. In such cases, the Head of the Department may arrange for the improvement of progressive marks in the subjects in subsequent semester.

- OM 5.4** The drawings, answer scripts, etc pertaining to progressive marks shall be maintained by the Principal / Head of the Department for at least one month after the announcement of result and available for verification as per the direction of the Registrar (Evaluation).
- OM 5.5** Every page of the Progressive Marks sheet shall bear the signatures of the concerned teacher, Head of the Department and Principal.
- OM 5.6** The Progressive Marks list shall be displayed on the notice board and corrections, if any, shall be incorporated before sending to the University.
- OM 5.7** The Progressive marks shall be sent well in advance before the commencement of theory / *viva-voce* examination by the Principal. No corrections of the Progressive marks shall be entertained after the submission of marks list to the University.
- OM 6 SEMINAR**
- OM 6.1** Seminars may be presented by the candidates as part of the coursework in a subject or as a separate item as per the scheme.
- OM 6.2** The Head of the Department shall organize conducting of such seminars through concerned faculty member of the Department.
- OM 6.3** The Progressive marks for the seminar shall be awarded by the concerned faculty.
- OM 7 PAPER SETTING AND EVALUATION OF THEORY ANSWER PAPERS AND EVALUATION OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & STUDIO PROJECTS**
- OM 7.1** Question papers in theory subjects shall be set by the examiners appointed for that purpose by the University.
- OM 7.2** There shall be double valuation of theory papers in the University examinations. The theory answer scripts shall be valued independently by the two examiners appointed by the University.
- OM 7.3** If the difference between the marks awarded by the two Examiners is not more than 15 % of the maximum marks, the marks awarded to the candidate shall be the average of two evaluations.
- OM 7.4** If the difference between the marks awarded by the two Examiners is more than 15 % of the maximum marks, the Script shall be evaluated by a third Examiner. The average of the marks of nearest two valuations shall be considered as the marks secured by the candidate. However, if one of three marks falls exactly midway between the other two, then the highest two marks shall be taken for averaging.
- OM 7.5** Studio projects and Professional training shall be evaluated by *viva voce*

examination consisting of two examiners, one internal and one external. Candidates shall display all the work done and explain their features to both of them and answer the queries put by the examiners.

OM 8 DISSERTATION WORK

OM 8.1 The topic and title of the dissertation shall be chosen by the candidate in consultation with the guide during the third semester itself.

OM 8.2 The dissertation work shall be carried out by each candidate independently during the fourth semester (full time M.Arch.) or in the sixth semester (part time M.Arch.) under the guidance of one of the faculty members of the Department in the Institution of study. If the dissertation is of inter-disciplinary nature, a co-guide shall be taken either from the department / college of Architecture or from outside who could be a practitioner/ researcher in the relevant field.

OM 8.3 At the end of fourth semester in case of full time students and at the end of sixth semester in case of part time students, each candidate shall submit a report of the dissertation work, sufficient drawings and other outputs which explain all the features of the work. These items shall be duly approved by the guide and the co-guide, if any, and countersigned by them as well as by the Head of the Department and Head of the Institution.

OM 8.4 A candidate shall submit three copies of the dissertation report to the Department/ College. The report shall be complete in it and contain all the drawings (in case of design dissertation) to a reduced scale.

OM 8.5 The date of submission of the dissertation may be extended up to a maximum of four academic years for full time students and maximum of six academic years for part-time students, from the date of commencement of the first semester in which the candidate has taken admission to the course.

OM 8.6 The dissertation shall be evaluated by three examiners - one internal examiner (guide / co-guide) and two external examiners appointed by the University. The evaluation shall be done jointly by the three examiners after a *viva voce* examination.

OM 8.7 If a candidate fails in a dissertation *viva voce* examination he/she shall either make significant improvement to the existing work or change the topic itself and produce new work before re-appearing for the examination in a subsequent semester.

OM 8.8 Marks jointly awarded by the examiners at the *viva voce* examination shall be sent to the University immediately after the examination.

OM 9 ELIGIBILITY FOR PASSING

OM 9.1 There shall be University examination at the end of each semester, as per the scheme.

OM 9.2 A candidate shall obtain a minimum of 40% of marks in the University examination including theory, studio *viva voce* and dissertation *viva voce*.

- OM 9.3** There shall be no restriction for promotion from an odd semester to the next even semester provided he/she has fulfilled the attendance requirements as per OM 4.
- OM 9.4** The candidate has to pass in all the subjects of I, II and III semester for becoming eligible for IV semester (dissertation) semester.
- OM 9.5** A candidate may at his desire reject his latest semester results of University Examination with respect to all subjects of that particular semester examination. Rejection of result of individual subjects shall not be permitted. Rejection shall be permitted only once during the entire course. Provided that earlier progressive marks of the rejected semester shall be retained.
- OM 9.6** If the rejection of the University examination results of the semester happens to be of an odd semester, the candidate can take admission to the immediate next even semester. However, if the rejection of the University result is of even semester, the candidate cannot take admission to the next odd semester.
- OM 9.7** Application for rejection shall be submitted to the Registrar (Evaluation) of the University, through the Principal of the college, within thirty days from the date of announcement of results.
- OM 9.8** A candidate who opts for rejection shall be eligible for the award of class and distinction but shall not be eligible for the award of ranks.
- OM 10** **AWARD OF CLASS AND RANK**
- OM 10.1** The candidates who have passed in all the subjects of all semesters shall be declared to have passed the course.
- OM 10.2** Classes shall be awarded to the candidates who have passed in all subjects at each semester on the aggregate marks obtained by them in the first attempt at the respective semester.
- OM 10.3** A candidate who secures 70% or more marks in aggregate in first attempt shall be declared to have passed in First Class with Distinction.
- OM 10.4** A candidate who secures 60% or more marks but less than 70% in aggregate in first attempt shall be declared to have passed in First class.
- OM 10.5** A candidate who secures less than 60% in aggregate in first attempt or takes more than one attempt to pass all the subjects of a semester shall be declared to have passed in Second class.
- OM 10.6** The class (I class and I class distinction) for the degree of M.Arch. shall be awarded only to the candidates who have passed each of the four semesters (full time) in a single attempt. A candidate who secures 70% and above marks in the aggregate of I, II, III and IV semesters (full time) shall be declared to have passed in I class Distinction.
- OM 10.7** A candidate who secures 60% and above marks but less than 70% in the

aggregate of I, II, III and IV semester (full time) shall be declared to have passed in I class.

OM 10.8 A candidate who secures less than 60% marks in the aggregate of I, II, III and IV semester (full time) shall be declared to have passed in II class, candidates who pass any of the semesters in more than one attempt shall also be declared to have passed in II class irrespective of the aggregate marks.

OM 10.9 Where the full time strength of candidates in each stream of M.Arch. at the University level is 10 or more there shall be three ranks per stream of M.Arch. Ranks shall be declared on the basis of the aggregate marks of the all the semesters taken together, only for the full time students who have passed each of all the semesters in a single attempt.

OM 10.10 Candidates who have rejected University examination result as per the regulation OM 9.5 or discontinued the course as per regulation OM 4.4 shall not be not eligible for award of ranks.

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