

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
BELAGAVI



REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (M.ARCH.,)
PROGRAMS

Under Outcome Based Education (OBE) and
Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) Effective from the Academic Year 2024-25

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Preamble:

The Master of Architecture (M.Arch) program is designed to equip students with advanced knowledge, skills, and techniques in architectural design, planning, and research. Recognizing the dynamic and interdisciplinary nature of architecture in the contemporary world, these regulations aim to establish a robust framework for academic excellence and professional development.

The program emphasizes creativity, sustainability, innovation, and critical thinking, fostering the ability to address complex architectural challenges in diverse contexts. It is aligned with global standards while catering to the unique needs of local and regional architectural practices.

These regulations serve as a guide for students, faculty, and administrators to maintain academic rigor, ensure fair evaluation, and promote a culture of learning, inquiry, and professional integrity. They are formulated in compliance with the guidelines set forth by statutory bodies such as the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Council of Architecture (COA) to ensure the program meets national and international benchmarks.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Visvesvaraya Technological University hereby establishes the following regulations for the M. Arch., program, effective from 2024-25.

Definitions of Keywords:

The following are the definitions/descriptions that have been followed for the different terms used in the Regulations of the M.Arch., Program:

- 1) **Program:** This is an educational program in a particular stream/ branch of Architecture/branch of specialization leading to the award of the Degree. It involves events/activities, comprising lectures/ tutorials/ studio projects/ field work, outreach activities/ project work/ professional training/ viva voce/seminars/ term papers (research paper) / assignments/ presentations/self-study, etc., or a combination of some of these.
- 2) **Branch:** Means specialization or discipline of study that provides specific domain knowledge in M. Arch., Degree Program, like M.Arch., in Urban Design, M.Arch., in Habitat Design, M.Arch., in Construction Project Management, etc.
- 3) **Semester:** Refers to one of the two sessions of an academic year (vide: serial number 4), each session being of sixteen weeks duration (with working days greater than or equal to ninety). The odd and even semesters shall be as per the University academic calendar.
- 4) **Academic Year:** Refers to the sessions of two consecutive semesters (odd followed by an even) including periods of vacation.
- 5) **Course:** Refers to usually referred to as “papers/studios/labs” and is a component of a program. All Courses need not carry the same weight. The Courses should define learning objectives and learning outcomes. A Course may be designed to comprise lectures/ tutorials/ studio projects/ fieldwork, outreach activities/ project work/ professional training/ viva-voce/ seminars/term

papers (research paper) / assignments/ presentations/ self-study, etc., or a combination of some of these.

- 6) **Credit:** Refers to a unit by which the Course work is measured. It indicates the relative importance of a course.
- 7) **Audit Courses:** This means the Knowledge/ Skill enhancing Courses without the benefit of a grade or credit for a Course.
- 8) **Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS):** The Choice-based Credit System (CBCS) is an educational model that allows students to take up courses of their choice - core, elective courses, open or global electives & skill-based courses. Unlike the traditional marking-based system, the CBCS grading pattern is based on earned credits every semester. Customizing the Course work, through Core, Elective, and soft skill courses, to provide the necessary support for the candidates to achieve their goals.
- 9) **Course Registration:** Refers to formal registration for the Courses of a semester (Credits) by every candidate under the supervision of a Faculty Advisor (also called Mentor, Counselor, etc.,) in each semester for the Institution to maintain the proper record.
- 10) **Course Evaluation:** Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) and semester-end examinations (SEE) constitute the major evaluations prescribed for each Course, with only those candidates maintaining a minimum standard in CIE being permitted to appear in SEE of the Course.
- 11) **Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE):** To be normally conducted by the Course instructor and include mid-term/weekly/fortnightly class tests, group discussion, viva voce, seminars, etc., throughout the Semester, with weightage for the different components being flexible as decided only by the course teachers. The instructor also discusses CIE performance with the Candidates. CIE is also termed as Internal Assessment or Progressive Assessment.
- 12) **Semester End Examinations (SEE):** Refers to the examinations conducted by the University covering the entire Course Syllabus. SEE is also termed a university examination.
- 13) **First Attempt:** Refers to a candidate who has completed all formalities and has become eligible to attend the SEE and has attended at least one head of passing, such attempt (first sitting) shall be considered as the first attempt.
- 14) **Credit-Based System (CBS):** Refers to quantification of Course work after a candidate completes the teaching-learning process, followed by passing in both CIE and SEE. Under CBS, the requirement for awarding a degree is prescribed in terms of the total number of credits to be earned by the candidates.
- 15) **Letter Grade:** It is an index of the performance of candidates in a said Course. Grades are denoted by letters O, A+, A, B+, B, C, and F.
- 16) **Grading:** Grade refers to the qualitative measure of achievement of a candidate in

each Course, based on the percentage of marks secured in CIE and SEE. Grading is done by Absolute Grading [Refer:24-OMA 11.1]. The rubric attached to each letter grades are as follows:

O – Outstanding, A+ – Excellent, A – Very Good, B+ – Good, B – Above Average, C – Average, and F – Fail.

- 17) **Grade Point (GP):** Refers to a numerical weightage allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale as under.

Letter Grade and corresponding Grade Points on a typical 10-point							
Letter	O	A+	A	B+	B	C	F
Grade	10	09	08	07	06	05	00
% of Marks scored	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	55-59	50-54	0-49

- 18) **Credit Point:** This is the product of grade point (GP) and number of credits for a Course

$$\text{Credit points (Cr P)} = \text{GP} \times \text{Credits for the Course.}$$

- 19) **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA):** Refers to the measure of academic performance of candidate/s in a semester.
- 20) **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):** This is a measure of the overall cumulative performance of a candidate's overall semesters.
- 21) **Grade Card:** Refers to the certificate showing the grades earned by a candidate. A grade card shall be issued to all the registered candidates after every semester-end examination. The grade card will display the Programme details (Course code, title, number of credits, grades secured) along with the SGPA of that semester and CGPA earned till that semester.
- 22) **University:** Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi.
- 23) **Council of Architecture (CoA):** The **Council of Architecture (CoA)** is a statutory body constituted under the provisions of the **Architects Act, 1972**, by the Government of India. Its primary purpose is to regulate the education and practice of the architectural profession throughout India, ensuring the maintenance of high standards in both areas.



Regulations:

24OMA10	TITLE, DURATION, AND CREDITS OF THE PROGRAM
	The Program shall be called Master of Architecture (Subject of Specialization), abbreviated as M.Arch. (Subject of Specialization).
24OMA1.1	DURATION OF THE PROGRAM
24OMA1.2	The Programme is a full-time program and shall extend over four semesters and each semester (excluding Examination and Vacation) shall be 16 weeks in duration.
24OMA1.3	Maximum Duration for Program Completion Candidates shall be allowed a maximum duration of 4 years from the first semester of admission to become eligible for the award of an M.Arch, Degree, failing which he/she may discontinue the program or register once again as a fresh candidate to the I semester of the program.
24OMA1.4	The Calendar of events in respect of the Program shall be notified by the University in advance.
24OMA1.5	Maximum duration of the course completion: A Full-time candidate shall be allowed a maximum duration of 4 years from the first semester of admission to become eligible for the award of a Master's Degree, failing which he/she may discontinue the program or register once again as a fresh candidate to I semester of the program.
24OMA1.6	Prescribed No. of Credits of the Program: The number of credits to be completed for the award of the M.Arch degree shall be 100 and M.Plan (Smart City Planning) and M.plan (Town & Country Planning) is 80.
24OMA1.6	Definition of Credits: 01-hour Lecture (L) =1 Credit 01 hours of Studio's (S)=1 Credit 02 hours of Practical/Laboratory/Site Visit/Skill development activity (P) =1 Credit.
24OMA2.0	ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION (As per the GOVT. Orders issued from time to time)
24OMA2.1	Admission to the Master of Architecture Program shall be open to all the candidates who have passed B.Arch or equivalent. (as per the eligibility criteria specified from time to time) of COA, VTU or any other recognized University / Institution. The decision of the Equivalence committee shall be final in establishing the eligibility of candidates for a particular Program. For foreign degrees, an Equivalence certificate from the Association

	<p>of Indian Universities is a must.</p> <p>The candidates who have completed their prerequisite degree through the distance mode education from any University (National or International) are not eligible for admission to M.Arch., Programs under any quota i.e., Government/ Management.</p> <p>Eligibility for new courses shall be as approved by the Council of Architecture and/or VTU from time to time. The candidates seeking admission to M.Arch course should pass B.Arch or equivalent with 50% and must pass PGETA (Post Graduation Entrance Test in Architecture) conducted by the Council of Architecture.</p>
24OMA2.2	Candidates holding the degree awarded by Associate of the Indian Institute of Architects (AIIA) shall also be considered for M.Arch., programs.
24OMA2.3	<p>Admission to M.Arch., Program shall be open to the candidates who have passed the prescribed qualifying examination with not less than 50% of the marks in the aggregate of all the years of the degree examination.</p> <p>However, in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST and Category I, the aggregate percentage of marks in the qualifying examinations shall not be less than 45%.</p> <p>Rounding off the percentage secured in the qualifying examination is not permissible.</p>
24OMA2.4	<p>i. For admissions under the GATE (Architecture) qualification and roaster system of the Government of Karnataka:</p> <p>The candidates should qualified with 50% in PGETA (Post Graduate Entrance Test in Architecture) examination conducted by the Council of Architecture.</p> <p>ii. For admissions under Management Quota:</p> <p>The candidates should be PGETA (Architecture) qualified conducted by the Council of Architecture.</p> <p>iii. For admissions under Sponsored Quota:</p> <p>The candidates should be PGETA (Architecture) qualified conducted by the Council of Architecture.</p>
24OMA2.5	The candidates must be qualified in the PGETA (Architecture),
24OMA2.6	PGETA is a must to get admission to M.Arch.
24OMA2.7	The intake under various categories (regular, sponsored candidates, and SC/ST) shall be sanctioned and notified by the COA, State Government, and VTU, from time to time.

24OMA2.8	Subject to the provisions of 24OMA2.1 and 24OMA2.2, members of the Teaching/Research Staff/Teaching Assistants working in any Architectural college/ Department recognized by COA 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 Architecture College/Department, Polytechnic institutions/ any other institutions imparting Architectural education shall be eligible for admission to PG Programs under sponsored quota on a full-time basis if they are sponsored by their respective Institutions / DTE.
24OMA2.9	Subject to the provisions of 24OMA2.1 and 24OMA2.2, members working in the State Government / Central Government / Quasi-Government Organizations / Public Sector Industries / Reputed Private Industries, 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 PG Programs against sponsored quota. Preference for admission under 24OMA2.8 and 24OMA2.9 is given to candidates sponsored by State and Central Governments.
24OMA2.10	Architecture graduates from universities other than VTU have to obtain an Eligibility Certificate from VTU to seek admission to the M.Arch. program in any of the colleges affiliated with VTU.
24OMA2.11	Admission to vacant seats: Seats remaining vacant (unfilled), after the completion of the PG admission process by the Karnataka Examination Authority, shall be filled by the Institution by inviting applications through Press notification. The seats shall be filled by Candidates preferably who have a valid PGETA (Architecture) score. In the absence of such Candidates, admission shall be based on merit in the entrance test conducted at the Institution level. An Admissions Committee, consisting of the Principal of the College, the Head of the concerned Department, and the subject experts, shall be in charge of admissions.
24OMA3.0	COURSES
24OMA3.1	The syllabus of the Program comprises of the following types of courses: 1. Professional Core Courses (PC) - relevant to the chosen specialization. The core course is to be compulsorily studied by a candidate and is mandatory to complete the requirements of a program in a said discipline of study.

2. **Professional Electives Courses (PE)** - relevant to the chosen specialization; these are the courses, which can be chosen from the pool of courses. It shall be supportive to the discipline/ providing extended scope/enabling exposure to some other discipline/domain / nurturing candidate skills.
3. Design Studios, seminars, and/or Internships.
4. **Open Electives Courses (OEC)**, from various technical and/or emerging specialization fields, these courses allow students to select from a diverse list, typically beyond their core discipline. They offer flexibility in learning and help students acquire interdisciplinary knowledge, skills, or interests outside their primary area of study. If Open Elective Courses (OEC) are included in the M.Arch. program scheme, they are intended for students from other departments and should not be offered to students within the same department.
5. **Thesis/Dissertation**; Culmination of all 3-semester learnings (2 semesters in case of option A) in one of the interested domain projects. It aims to identify students' talents in their interested topics/sectors and to emerge with good output that may be applicable and useful for the benefit of society.
6. **Audit Courses (AC)**: Audit course/s are non-credit courses opted for by students for self-enrichment. The audit course/s are mentioned in the grade card without the mention of a letter grade and credit. The student has to select the courses from the suggested list of ONLINE courses approved by BOS. If an Audit course is not necessary for a particular program, then in place of an audit course an **Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)** can be selected from the suggested list of ONLINE courses.
7. **Internship**: Preferably at Professional organizations that have a large scale & variety of projects/ Government organizations of significant repute for a specified period mentioned in the Scheme of Teaching and Examination.
8. **On-Line Courses**: These mandatory online courses are ability enhancement courses, skill development courses, emerging technology courses bridge courses, or advanced learning courses. These courses are suggested by the concerned board of studies. These courses are notified on the university portal. The students have to opt for these courses with the help of a mentor/ staff coordinator.

24OMA3.2

A candidate shall exercise his /her option in respect of the electives and register for the same before the beginning of the concerned semester. The candidate may be permitted to opt for a change of elective subject within 10 days from the date



	of commencement of the semester as per the calendar of the University.
24OMA3.3	Students shall be allowed to choose the elective/s, depending on their career plans, and there shall not be any restriction on the minimum number of students to be registered for an elective course.
24OMA4.0	PROFESSIONAL TRAINING/INTERNSHIP
24OMA4.1	Candidates shall undergo Professional Training/Internship for eight weeks immediately after the completion of 2nd-semester examinations before the commencement of 3rd-semester course work (applicable for scheme B students only. Scheme A students have 1 semester professional training after 3 rd semester) The training shall be undertaken in an architectural firm / Govt. department specializing in Urban Design/Urban planning /Landscape architecture, etc. The training certificate shall be issued by corresponding competent authorities.
24OMA4.2	Every candidate shall submit a report of the Professional Training Report/ Certificate approved and signed with the seal of the Competent Authority. Professional Training report shall consist of work/survey maps/drawings/study etc., done by the candidates.
24OMA4.3	The Viva-voce examination in Professional Training shall be conducted along with the III semester examination at the end of III semester in case of option B and at the end of 4 th semester in case of option A students as described in the scheme & syllabus document.
24OMA4.4	Failing to undergo Internship: Internship is one of the heads of passing. Completion of an internship is mandatory. If any student fails to undergo/complete the internship, he/she shall be considered a fail in that Course and shall not be permitted to appear for SEE in that Course. However, such students shall appear for SEE after satisfying the conditions prescribed for the Internship. The reappearance shall be considered an attempt.
24OMA5.0	REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Except for the first semester, registration for a semester will be done during a specified week before the end-semester examination of the previous semester. ii) The registration sheet contains the course number, course name, number of credits, and category for each course taken in that semester. The candidate chooses courses in consultation with his Faculty Adviser. iii) The Faculty Adviser will help the candidates in planning their courses of study and getting general advice regarding the academic program

	and any other activity.
24OMA6.0	ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT
24OMA6.1	Courses of each semester shall be treated as separate units for the calculation of attendance.
24OMA6.2	The candidate has to put in a minimum attendance of 85 % in each course with a provision to condone 10 % of the attendance by the Vice-Chancellor on the specific recommendation of the Principal of the college where the candidate is studying, based on medical grounds, participation in NSS/NCC/Red Cross /Republic Day and Independence Day parades/University/ State/ National/ International level sports and cultural activities, seminars, workshops, paper presentation, etc., of significant value. The necessary documents in support are to be submitted along with recommendations to condone the shortage.
24OMA6.3	A candidate who fails to meet the attendance requirement specified in 24OMA6.2 for one or more courses will not be permitted to appear for the SEE of those courses with attendance shortages. However, they may take the SEE for courses where they have met the attendance and CIE requirements. The courses they missed can be registered for in the subsequent semester when they are offered.
24OMA6.4	Principals of the concerned colleges shall notify regularly, of the list of such candidates who fall short of attendance.
24OMA6.5	The list of candidates falling short of attendance shall be sent to the University at least one week before the commencement of the examination.
24OMA6.6	If a candidate, for any reason, discontinues the Program during the course of study, he/she may be permitted to continue by registering for the Program under the prevailing scheme. The candidate shall complete the studio assignments, classwork, and seminar including the submission of the dissertation within the maximum stipulated period under the provision of 24OMA2.2. Such a candidate shall not be eligible to be considered for the award of rank.
24OMA7.0	CONTINUOUS INTERNAL EVALUATION OR PROGRESSIVE ASSESSMENT
24OMA7.1	Continuous Internal Evaluation/ Internal Assessment/ Progressive Assessment/ Progressive marks refer to the marks awarded to a candidate continuously during a semester by the concerned course /studio teacher/teachers. a) In the case of courses that are mainly studio-based as per the scheme of teaching and examinations, the progressive marks

	<p>shall be the total of marks given to the various drawings, maps, sketches, etc., submitted from time to time by a candidate in a format prescribed by the studio teacher/s.</p> <p>b) In the case of courses that are mainly lecture-based as per the scheme of teaching and examinations, the progressive marks shall be based on two tests covering the entire syllabus. An additional test may be conducted for the needy candidates to provide an opportunity to improve their CIE Marks before the end of the semester.</p> <p>Two Unit Tests each of 30 Marks (duration 01 hour)</p> <p>Two assignments each of 10 Marks / one Skill Development Activities of 20 marks, Group discussion/Seminar/quiz /Course project/ field work (Survey) anyone of three suitably planned to attain the COs and POs for 20 Marks (duration 01hr) .</p> <p>The sum of tests, two assignments/skill Development Activities/Site visit, and quiz/seminar/group discussion will be out of 100 marks and will be scaled down to 50 marks</p> <p>CIE methods /question paper is designed to attain the different levels of Bloom's taxonomy as per the outcome defined for the course</p> <p>C) In the case of courses that are mainly practical-based, as per the scheme of teaching and examinations, the progressive marks shall be based on the assignments submitted by the candidates. A minimum of two assignments per semester shall be given.</p> <p>D) In all three cases, viz., studio-based lecture-based, and practical-based courses, the concerned teacher shall give a reasonable opportunity to the candidate to improve his / her progressive marks for example by re-doing the assignments or taking an additional test, etc., within the time frame of the given semester.</p>
24OMA7.2	<p>The progressive marks awarded to the candidates in a course/s shall be displayed on the notice boards of the colleges to enable the candidates to point out any discrepancies.</p> <p>The progressive marks finalized shall be signed by the concerned teacher/teachers, head of the department, and Principal on each page, and they shall be sent to the University.</p>
24OMA7.3	<p>If a candidate fails to secure a minimum of 50 % of marks in progressive marks in any course/s, he /she shall not be eligible to take up the</p>

	theory/viva voce examination in those course/s.
24OMA7.4	The implementation of clause 24OMA7.3 shall be the responsibility of the respective Head of the Architecture Department or Principal. If an ineligible candidate is mistakenly permitted to appear for the theory or viva voce examination, the result of that examination shall be rendered null and void.
24OMA7.5	Candidates falling under 24OMA7.3 must correct, improve, and redo the required work as advised by the course teacher and resubmit it in any subsequent semester to fulfill the progressive mark requirements for that course.
24OMA7.6	The candidates who have not satisfied the progressive-marks requirements shall register their names in their college for repeating the course work to satisfy the progressive-marks requirements within 15 days from the commencement of any of the subsequent semesters.
24OMA7.7	The list of such candidates, who have not secured the minimum progressive marks, shall be sent to the University along with the submission of progressive marks of the other successful candidates.
24OMA7.8	After the submission of progressive marks to the University, any requests for changes in the marks by the college shall not be considered under any circumstances.
24OMA7.9	Progressive marks sheet shall be submitted to the University without any delay when sought by the University.
24OMA7.10	Candidates shall take the Internal Assessment Tests/Progressive Assessment Tests in Blue Books or portfolios, which must be retained by the Principal or Head of the Department for at least six months after the announcement of university results. These records shall be made available for verification upon request by the office of the Registrar (Evaluation).
24OMA7.11	An additional test may be conducted for the needy students to provide an opportunity to improve their CIE Marks before the end of the semester. The CIE marks shall be the average of the marks scored in tests, Assignments/skill development activities, Quiz/seminars/course projects, etc. Marks scored by the student/s proportionally scaled down to 50 marks. [To be read along with 24OMA7.1]
24OMA7.12	Every sheet of the progressive Assessment marks list shall bear the signatures of the concerned Teacher/Teachers, the Head of the Department, and the Principal.
24OMA8.0	PAPER SETTING AND EVALUATION OF THEORY ANSWER PAPERS

240MA8.1	Question papers in theory courses shall be set by the Examiners appointed for the purpose by the University.
240MA8.2	The valuation of the papers is done as per the rules and guidelines set by the examination section for PG studies
240MA9.0	DISSERTATION WORK
240MA9.1	The topic and title of the dissertation shall be chosen by the candidate in consultation with the guide and co-guide, if any, during the dissertation's first phase of the third semester.
240MA9.2	The dissertation work shall be carried out by each candidate independently during the fourth semester under the faculty member/s (Full-time / Visiting) of the Department for Scheme B students and in 3 rd semester for Scheme A students.
240MA9.3	Every Candidate shall submit the report of the dissertation work duly approved by the guide and the co-guide, if any, at the end of the fourth semester. The dissertation work shall be countersigned by the guide, co-guide, if any, Head of the Department, and Principal. The Candidate shall submit three copies of the dissertation report to the Head of the Department
240MA9.4	The report shall consist of not only the write-up about the selected work but also the various drawings, maps, illustrations (in a reduced scale), etc. For the examination, the full-scale drawings, maps, illustrations, models, etc., shall be displayed to the examiners in addition to the report.
240MA9.5	A soft copy of the Dissertation report of all the candidates shall be sent to Registrar (Evaluation), VTU by the Principal of the College/School
240MA9.6	<p>Plagiarism Check</p> <p>The dissertation guide/s and head of the department shall ensure and certify the authenticity and originality of the contents constituting the dissertation. All cited content shall be duly acknowledged. The text content of the dissertation shall be subjected to a plagiarism check. The allowable plagiarism index is less than or equal to 10%.</p> <p>If the check indicates a plagiarism index >10% :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the first time, the candidate has to resubmit the dissertation, to the Registrar (Evaluation), VTU along with the penal fees of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) in person. • For the second time, the candidate has to resubmit the dissertation along with the penal fees of Rs. 4000/- (Rupees four



	<p>thousand only) in person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the dissertation is rejected again during the second resubmission concerning the plagiarism index, the candidate shall redo the project and submit it after a semester or subject to the provision of 24OMA2.2. <p>University Viva-Voce examination shall be conducted in case of Design Projects after satisfying the Plagiarism Check of the dissertation text report.</p>
24OMA9.7	Candidates shall be permitted to submit the dissertation at any time within the maximum period of the program.
24OMA9.8	The dissertation shall be evaluated by three examiners comprising of one internal examiner (guide/co-guide) and two external examiners appointed by the University. The evaluation of the dissertation shall be made independently by each examiner. The combined average of the marks awarded by all three Examiners shall be the final
24OMA9.9	Every Candidate shall submit the report of the dissertation work duly approved by the guide and the co-guide, if any, at the end of the fourth semester. The dissertation work shall be countersigned by the guide, co-guide, if any, Head of the Department and Principal. The Candidate shall submit three copies of the dissertation report to the Head of the Department.
24OMA9.10	The report shall consist of not only the write-up about the selected work but also the various drawings, maps, illustrations (in a reduced scale), etc. For the examination, the full-scale drawings, maps, illustrations, models, etc., shall be displayed to the examiners in addition to the report.
24OMA9.11	The dissertation shall be evaluated by three examiners comprising one internal examiner (guide/co-guide) and two external examiners appointed by the University. The evaluation of the dissertation shall be made independently by each examiner.
24OMA9.12	The average of the marks awarded by the three Examiners shall be the final dissertation marks of the candidate.
24OMA9.13	IV semester candidates who have satisfied the progressive assessment of the III semester Dissertation seminar, but have backlog courses are permitted to complete the dissertation report and to appear for SEE. The IV semester grade card shall be released only when the candidates complete all the backlog courses and become eligible for the award of a degree.
24OMA9.14	A Candidate who has not satisfied progressive assessment in the subject Dissertation Seminar during the 3 rd semester shall not

	be eligible to take up a Dissertation in the 4 th - Semester for Scheme B students and in 3 rd semester for Scheme A students.
24OMA9.15	The candidate, whose Dissertation is rejected, can rework the same topic or choose another topic of the dissertation under the same Guide or a new Guide if necessary. In such an event, the report shall be submitted within four years for the case of a full-time student from the date of admission to the Program
24OMA10.0	ELIGIBILITY FOR PASSING AND AWARD OF DEGREE
24OMA10.1	(1) A candidate who obtains any grade O to C shall be considered as passed and if a candidate secures an F grade in any of the heads of passing, he/she has to reappear in that head for the SEE. (2) A candidate will be declared successful at the end of the program on obtaining a CGPA ≥ 5.00 , with none of the Courses registered in a Semester or for the Degree Award remaining with an F Grade.
24OMA10.2	For a pass in a theory course, the candidate shall secure a minimum of 40% of the maximum marks prescribed in the Semester End Examination (SEE) 50% of marks in progressive Assessment (CIE), and 50 % in the aggregate of progressive marks and SEE marks. The minimum Passing Grade in a course is "C".
24OMA10.3	For a pass in Professional Training/ Practical/ Project/ Dissertation /Viva-voce examinations, a candidate shall secure a minimum of 50 % of the maximum marks prescribed for the SEE in Professional Training/Practical/Project /Dissertation / Viva-voce. The Minimum Passing Grade in a course is "C".
24OMA10.4	Promotion: There shall be no restriction for promotion from an odd semester to the next even semester.
24OMA10.5	Candidates with a maximum of 16 backlog course credits in the first year shall be eligible for admission to the second year (III semester). These 16 credits include courses in which students have a shortage of attendance and those with an 'F' grade.
24OMA10.6	A candidate may at his/her desire reject his/her latest semester results of the University examination concerning all courses of that semester. However, in the 4 th semester, the rejection shall not include the internship and Dissertation result. Rejection shall be permitted only once during the entire Programme. The Internal Assessment marks of the rejected semester shall remain the same. Rejection including Internal Assessment is not permitted.

24OMA10.7	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 an even semester, the candidate cannot take admitted to the next odd semester.																																								
24OMA10.8	Application for rejection shall be submitted to the Registrar (Evaluation) through the Principal of the College, within fifteen days from the date of announcement of results.																																								
24OMA10.9	A candidate, who opts for rejection of the results of a semester shall be eligible for the award of class and distinction, but shall not be eligible for the award of rank.																																								
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24OMA11.2	<p>Grade Point Averages:</p> <p>SGPA and CGPA: The credit index can be used further for calculating the Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), both being important academic performance indices of the candidate. While SGPA is equal to the credit index for a semester divided by the total number of credits registered by the candidate in that semester, CGPA gives the total credit indices of all the previous semesters divided by the total number of credits registered in all these semesters. Both equations together facilitate the declaration of the academic performance of a candidate, at the end of a semester and the end of successive semesters respectively. Thus,</p>
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24OMA11.3	<p>Grade Card: Based on the secured letter grades, grade points, SGPA, and CGPA, a grade card for each semester and a consolidated grade -card indicating the performance in all semesters shall be issued.</p>
24OMA11.4	<p>Conversions of CGPA into Percentage of marks and Class Equivalence</p> <p>There is no formula for the conversion of CGPA into the percentage of marks. However, the following formula for conversion of the CGPA on a 10-point scale into the percentage of marks (M) for employment/ higher studies, etc may be used;</p> <p>Percentage of marks secured, $M = CGPA \text{ Earned} \times 10$</p> <p>Illustration for a CGPA of 8.20;</p> <p>Percentage of marks secured $M = 8.20 \times 10$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$= 82.0 \%$</p>
24OMA11.5	<p>Class Equivalence:</p> <p>After the conversion of the final CGPA into a percentage of marks(P), a graduating candidate is reckoned to have passed in</p> <p>(i) First Class with Distinction (FCD) if $P \geq 70\%$ or CGPA 7.</p> <p>(ii) First Class (FC) if $P \geq 60\%$ but $< 70\%$ and OR CGPA between 6 to 7</p> <p>(iii) Second Class (SC) if $P < 60\%$ and $> 50\%$. or CGPA between 5 to 6</p>

24OMA11.6	For a pass in all the courses, the student shall secure a minimum of 40% of the maximum marks prescribed in the Semester End Examination and 50% of marks in CIE, and 50 % in the aggregate of CIE and SEE marks. The Minimum Passing Grade in a course is C.
24OMA12	Award of Prizes, Medals, and Ranks
24OMA12.1	For the award of Prizes and Medals, the conditions stipulated by the Donor shall be considered subject to the provisions of the statutes framed by the University for such awards.
24OMA12.2	<p>Award of Ranks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the award of rank in a Specialization of Master of Architecture, the CGPA secured by the candidate on completion of the program is considered. 2. A candidate shall be eligible for a rank at the time of award of the degree of Master of Architecture, provided the candidate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is not a repeater in any semester, b) Has not rejected the results of any semester, and c) Has passed 1st to 4th semester in all the courses on first attempt only. d) The Total number of ranks awarded shall be 10% of the total number of candidates who appeared in the 4th semester subject to a maximum of 10 ranks in a Specialization. e) In the case of the fractional number of ranks, it is rounded to a higher integer only when the first decimal place value is greater than or equal to 5.
24OMA12.3	Ranks are awarded based on the merit of the candidates as determined by CGPA. If two or more candidates get the same CGPA, the tie shall be resolved by considering the number of times a candidate has obtained a higher SGPA. If it is not resolved even at this stage, the number of times a candidate has obtained higher grades like S, A, B, etc., shall be taken into account to decide the order of the rank.
24OMA13.0	Applicability and Power to Modify
24OMA13.1	The regulations governing the degree of Master of Architecture, of Visvesvaraya Technological University, shall be binding on allconcerned.
24OMA13.2	<p>POWER TO MODIFY:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing, the Universityshall have the power to issue directions/ orders to address any difficulty.

	ii) Nothing in the foregoing may be construed as limiting the power of the University to amend, modify or repeal any or all of the above.
240MA14.0	Multiple Entry and Multiple Exist; The multiple entries and exit points in the academic programs offered at Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) would remove rigid boundaries and create new possibilities for students. The multiple options of entry and exit will be implemented as and when the Council of Architecture confirms. <i>de</i>

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