FAQ ON BA(ARCH) CURRICULUM

- 2012/13 COHORT ONWARDS

1) Can the specialization electives taken at Level 3 (for Landscape Architecture specialization) and Level 4 be used towards fulfillment of Unrestricted Electives (UE) requirements?

Yes, the specialization electives can be used to fulfil UE requirements.

2) Can I declare SU (Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory) for the specialization electives taken at Level 3 (for Landscape Architecture Specialization) and Level 4?

No, students are not allowed to declare SU for the specialization electives under Design, Design Technology and Sustainability, Landscape Architecture tracks.

3) Can I read AR2225 Reading Visual Images and /or AR2226 History and Theory of Modern Architecture under their cross-listed GEM code to fulfil the GEM Group B requirements?

The below information only applies to 2011/12 to 2014/15 cohort.

Under the university guidelines, students are not able to read GEMs that are cross-listed with their major/minor areas. For an architecture student, all the major modules will have the code ARxxxx. If there is a GEM that is cross-listed with a module that has the code ARxxxx, you are not allowed to take that module and have it counted as fulfilling the GEM requirement.

Students are therefore required to take AR2225 and AR2226 under the “AR” module code as these modules are essential modules under the Architecture curriculum. In addition, students are not allowed to declare S/U for these two modules.

4) When do I need to decide which two out of three History and Theory Modules (AR2221 History and Theory of SEA Architecture, AR2222 History and Theory of Western Architecture and AR2226 History and Theory of Modern Architecture) that I wish to take?

Students may choose to read one H&T module in each of Semester 1 of Level 2 and Level 3. They can also choose to read both modules concurrently in Semester 1 of Level 2 or Level 3.

Students may read the Third H&T module in fulfillment of their UE requirement. Students are required to inform the Department of this decision during the module selection exercise mentioned below.

Students are required to indicate at the end of Semester 2 the H&T module(s) that they wish to read in the following Academic Year.

5) Can I still make opt to read the Landscape Architecture Specialization after Year 3?

No it is not possible to make the switch after third year. students are expected to consider carefully at the end of Year 2 if they wish to take up the Landscape Architecture specialization. For those who wish
to read the LA specialization are required to start taking LA modules in Level 3, including Design modules with Landscape Architecture Emphasis.

6) Can I declare S/U for modules within my major?

With effect from Semester 2, AY2013/2014, all modules within the Major and Second Major are to be read on a graded basis, even if these are read in excess of the Major/Second Major requirements. Students would not be allowed to exercise the S/U option for all these modules. <This applies to 2013 cohort and earlier>