

### **M.Arch Preparatory Course (WEF Cohort admitted in AY2009/10)**

for admission to M.Arch (Architectural Design) or Urban Design Specialization

Candidates who possess (i) RIBA Part 1 degree or (ii) architecture degree or qualification accredited by a National Accreditation Board or the Board of Architects of the country of origin, equivalent to the first 3 years of NUS BA (Arch) programme would be required to complete a preparatory course similar to 4<sup>th</sup> year of BA (Arch) programme prior to admission to **M.Arch.**

Students under this category would not be entitled to the Bachelor of Arts in Architecture degree. The Master of Architecture [M.Arch] degree would be conferred upon the completion of the preparatory course and M.Arch programme.

Candidates who are admitted without RIBA Part 1 will not be awarded RIBA Part 2 upon completion of M.Arch. They will however be eligible to sit for the Professional Practice Examination conducted by Board of Architects (Singapore) after two years of professional experience for registration as professional architects in Singapore.

### **Requirements of the M.Arch Preparatory course**

Students need to fulfill the following requirements before they are allowed to proceed to M.Arch programme

- 1) Fulfill 40 MCs which includes:
  - a) 5 Core Modules (28 MCs)
  - b) 1 Level 3000 or higher elective (which can be taken outside SDE) (4 MCs)
  - c) 2 University Requirement modules (8 MCs) – 1 General Education module and 1 Singapore Studies module (4 MCs each)
- 2) Complete the additional modules (if any) as stipulated by the Department of Architecture.
- 3) Attain a minimum cap of 2.5 in the final semester of the preparatory year. CAP of 2.0 will apply for candidates admitted prior to AY2009/10
- 4) Attain a minimum C grade in AR4101 (Design 7) and AR4102 (Design 8)

Students are **not allowed** to carry over the above prescribed requirements to the M.Arch programme. Results attained for this 1 year of study would be independent from M.Arch programme.

Subjected to portfolio review, students who attained a minimum B+ average for AR4101 (Design 7) and AR4102 (Design 8) would be given the option to read *M.Arch (Specialization in Urban Design)* upon completion of the preparatory course. For more information on the Urban Design specialization, please refer to [www.arch.nus.edu.sg](http://www.arch.nus.edu.sg).

### **Graduation Requirements of the 1-year M.Arch programme**

Students would need to complete a dissertation and 3 essential modules during the M.Arch year. To graduate, students have to fulfill the degree requirements of:

- Minimum cap of 3.0 in the M.Arch year
- Minimum grade of B- for AR5103 (Architectural Design Thesis)

**CURRICULUM CHART FOR M.ARCH PREPARATORY YEAR AND M.ARCH PROGRAMME -  
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN TRACK  
(Cohort Admitted in AY2009-10 onwards)**

		M.ARCH Prep		M.Arch	
		Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>University Requirements</b>		1 General Education Module - 4 Credits 1 Singapore Studies Module- 4 Credits			
<b>PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>History, Theory, Criticism</b>	AR5011 Research Methodology  (4 credits)		AR5141 Dissertation (ends week 4)  (8 credits)	
	<b>Technology &amp; Environment</b>	AR5321 Advanced Architectural Technology  (4 credits)			
	<b>Urban Studies</b>	UD5221 Theory & Elements Of Urban Design  (4 credits)			
	<b>Management</b>			AR5421 Architectural Practice 1 (4 credits)	AR5422 Architectural Practice 2 (4 credits)
	<b>Design</b>	AR4101 DESIGN 7  (8 credits)	AR4102 DESIGN 8  (8 credits)	AR5103 Architectural Design Thesis <i>(will start from mid semester 1 and run for 18 weeks)</i> (24 credits)	
	<b>Unrestricted Electives</b>	1 Unrestricted Elective (Level 3000 or higher) As advised by the Department (4 credits)			
		Total credits = 40 credits		Total credits = 40	

\*Candidates may be required to read modules in addition to those indicated above. In such cases, the Department would advise the candidates accordingly at the point of offer for admission.