

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND THEORY

This module introduces students to the basics of architectural history and design theory. Students will explore key ideas, principles, and concepts that shape architecture, while building a foundational vocabulary. Students are also introduced to influential architects and authors, using simple residential examples and precedents to support their understanding.

COMMUNITY STUDIO

Community Studio focuses on designing spaces that support and uplift communities. The purpose of this module is to help students understand how architecture can respond to social needs, local contexts, and environmental responsibility, while contributing positively to community life.

DESIGN-BUILD STUDIO

Design Build Studio focuses on learning through the realisation of design ideas. The purpose of this module is to help students understand the relationship between design and construction, while developing practical skills, collaboration, and an appreciation for materials and making.

DESIGN-FOR-LIFE STUDIO

Design for Life Studio explores how architecture supports healthy and meaningful living. The purpose of this module is to help students understand how homes respond to people, communities, and the environment, while introducing ideas of sustainable and regenerative design.

DESIGN-ONE STUDIO

Design One Studio introduces students to the foundations of architectural design. The purpose of this module is to help students understand how spaces are shaped around people, and how ideas can be developed into meaningful design responses. It also begins to build confidence in thinking creatively, solving problems, and communicating design ideas.

DESIGN AND DOCUMENTATION STUDIO

Design and Documentation Studio is the final studio that brings together all the knowledge and skills developed throughout the programme. The purpose of this module is to help students produce a complete and well-resolved architectural project that demonstrates their ability to integrate design thinking, technical understanding, and clear communication at a professional level.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

Design and Technology Studies explores advanced approaches to design and building technologies. The purpose of this module is to help students understand how innovative, regenerative, and future-focused technologies can inform design thinking and be applied in real-world architectural contexts.

DOCUMENTATION STUDIO

Documentation Studio focuses on how architectural ideas are translated into clear and accurate technical information. The purpose of this module is to help students understand the importance of documentation in design and construction, including its role in communication, compliance, and professional practice.

EXPERIENTIAL STUDIO

Experiential Studio focuses on learning through direct, hands-on engagement with design, materials, and construction. The purpose of this module is to help students integrate their knowledge and skills into real-world applications, while developing confidence in collaboration, problem-solving, and making.

HISTORY, THEORY AND CULTURE

The History, Theory and Culture module is where students will explore how people, culture, and society shape the built environment. The purpose of this module is to help students understand the social and cultural influences on architecture, with a strong focus on African and South African contexts, while developing critical thinking and research skills.

HOUSING AND SETTLEMENT STUDIO

The Housing and Settlement Studio module explores how housing can support sustainable and inclusive communities. The purpose of this module is to help students understand how settlements are designed in response to social, environmental, and cultural contexts, while introducing principles of regenerative and community-focused design.

MAKING STUDIO

Making Studio focuses on learning through hands-on exploration and building. The purpose of this module is to help students understand how materials, construction, and design come together, while encouraging practical thinking, creativity, and collaboration in response to real-world challenges.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Professional Practice introduces students to the professional environment of architecture. The purpose of this module is to build an understanding of how architectural work is managed, regulated, and delivered, while developing awareness of ethical responsibility, business practice, and professional conduct.

REGENERATIVE BUILDING

Regenerative Building focuses on environmentally responsible and future-focused approaches to construction. The purpose of this module is to help students understand how buildings can minimise harm and contribute positively to the environment through thoughtful use of materials, systems, and design strategies.

THE MAKING OF BUILDINGS

The Making of Buildings introduces students to how buildings are put together and how they respond to their environment. The purpose of this module is to build an understanding of basic construction principles, materials, and building systems, while encouraging awareness of sustainable and environmentally responsive design.

THEORY AND CONCEPTUAL STUDIO

Theory and Conceptual Studio focus on developing critical and conceptual thinking in architecture. The purpose of this module is to help students explore complex ideas, position their work within broader contexts, and develop strong design concepts informed by research and theory.

URBAN DESIGN STUDIO

Urban Design Studio explores how architecture responds to the broader urban environment. The purpose of this module is to help students understand how cities and public spaces are shaped, and how design can contribute to meaningful, responsive urban environments.

VISUALISATION STUDIO

Visualisation Studio develops the skills needed to communicate architectural ideas clearly and effectively. The purpose of this module is to help students express their thinking through drawings, models, and digital tools, while also encouraging creative exploration and the development of a personal design language.