

PhD in Architecture

Description of the Program

The Department of Architecture and Building Science, College of Architecture and Planning at King Saud University, offers a Ph.D. program in Architecture. This Program aims to provide deep understanding in specific areas of research as follows:

- History and Theory of Architecture
- Environmental and Behavioral studies (Environmental Control, Environmental Cognition and Behavior)
- Planning and Facility Design
- Project and Construction Management
- Building Technology
- Computer Applications in Architecture

The Goals of Program

- 1) In Compliance with the continuous development strategies of the Kingdom, the program aims to fill the need for experts in the specific areas of specialization in architecture.
- 2) Encouraging and supporting scientific research in specialized areas with deeper understanding of modern techniques promoting local and regional cultural identity and technology.
- 3) Enhancing the built environment and upgrading the profession in terms of applying new techniques and environmental sciences to architectural design.

Admission Requirements

In accordance to University regulations applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- 1) Hold a Master of Architecture & Building Science degree of King Saud University or equivalent.
- 2) Pass a personal interview by the Department.
- 3) Score a minimum of 450 points in TOEFL exam or an approved equivalent English exam. Holders of Masters Degree from English-medium universities are exempted.

Requirements of the Program

The program is offered through courses and Ph.D. dissertation as follows:

- 1) To pass 16 credit hours courses at three levels
 - a) Basic Requirement courses (5 credits)
 - b) Specialized courses offered by the Department. (6 credits)
 - c) Basic courses out of the Department (5 credits)
- 2) To pass 6 credit hours of assigned courses offered by other postgraduate programs in the University.
- 3) To pass the comprehensive exam.
- 4) To submit an original Ph.D. dissertation for the partial fulfillment of the degree.

Courses- Description: