

Studying Architecture at TU Darmstadt

Basic information about Bachelor and Master of Science Architecture
for Exchange Students



Dear student,

As an exchange student, you are fully integrated into offered programmes and are presented with the same study opportunities as our local students. You may choose from all available courses from both Bachelor and Master programmes. Exempt from these are the Bachelor and Master Thesis, which can only be accomplished by the regular students of the TU Darmstadt.

Architectural studies at the TU Darmstadt focuses on creative design courses. Students are encouraged and taught how to bring historical, artistic and constructive aspects into their designs. In addition, we understand Building Design and Urban Planning as one unit.

Although, the official language in which the courses are taught is German, it is easily possible to follow and accomplish the courses in English, as our teaching staff speaks English and is happy to support.

The faculty takes your special requests into consideration and will attempt to accommodate your academic requirements.

The International Office (Arch.) supports the international students during their studies. In the starting phase a Buddy Programme and a Welcome Event are offered.

We are happy to welcome you!

Department of Architecture, TU Darmstadt



Organization of the Faculty

Historical Foundations – Department Group A (DG A):

Classical Archaeology • History of Architecture and Art History • Architecture Theory and Science • Medieval Image and Cultural Studies

Design and Art – Department Group B (DG B):

Digital Design • Sculptural Design • Visual Arts • Drawing-Painting-Graphics

Construction – Department Group C (DG C):

Construction and Experimental Design • Design and Building Construction • Design and Industrial Methods of Building Construction

Building Planning – Department Group D (DG D):

Architectural Design and Building Typologies • Architectural and Spatial Design • Design and Housing

Urban Planning – Department Group E (DG E):

Urban Design and Planning • Design and Urban Development • Design and Landscape Architecture

Building Technology – Department Group F (DG F):

Design and Building Technology • Design and Sustainable Building • Structural Design and Building Physics

The Faculty of Architecture is well equipped with:

Woodwork Workshop • Print Workshop • Plott and Copyshop • 3 Computer Pools • Robotic Lab • Sculptural Studio • 9 Student Workingspaces



Structure of the Academic Year





Bachelor of Science – Studyplan

<p>1. Semester</p> <p>DESIGN I Architectural Space I DG D / 10 ECTS</p> <p>Basic Course History of Architecture DG A / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Design and Art I Drawing I DG B / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Design and Construction I DG C / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Structural Mechanics DG F / 5 ECTS</p>	<p>2. Semester</p> <p>DESIGN II Design and Construction II DG C / 10 ECTS</p> <p>Building typology I DG B / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Design and Art II Sculptural Design and Descriptive geometry DG B / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Building Materials Science I DG F / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Building Physics DG D / 5 ECTS</p>	<p>3. Semester</p> <p>DESIGN III Building Typologies I DG D / 10 ECTS</p> <p>Historical Foundations I DG A / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Digital Design I DG F / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Design and Construction III DG C / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Urban Design I DG E / 5 ECTS</p>
<p>4. Semester</p> <p>DESIGN IV Design and Construction IV DG C / 10 ECTS</p> <p>Historical Foundations II DG A / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Architectural Space II DG D / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Basics of Building Technologies FG F / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Urban Design II DG E / 5 ECTS</p>	<p>5. Semester</p> <p>DESIGN V Urban Planning DG E / 10 ECTS</p> <p>Historical Foundations III DG A / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Electives Practice and Technology DG E / 5 ECTS</p> <p>Design and Construction V DG C / 5 ECTS Smart Building DG B / 5 ECTS</p>	<p>6. Semester</p> <p>DESIGN VI – Thesis Building Planning or Urban Planning DG C,D,E,F / 15 ECTS</p> <p>Interdisciplinary area 5 - 15 ECTS</p> <p>Disciplinary area 5 - 10 ECTS</p>





Master of Science – Studyplan

1. Semester	2. Semester	3. Semester	4. Semester
DESIGN I Building Planning 15 ECTS	DESIGN II Urban Planning 15 ECTS	DESIGN III Building or Urban Planning 15 ECTS	Research Module 5 ECTS
Mandatory Module Department Group B 5 ECTS	Mandatory Module Department Group A 5 ECTS	Mandatory Module Department Group E 5 ECTS	Thesis Design Building Planning or Urban Planning or Independent Thesis (20 ECTS)
Mandatory Module Department Group C 5 ECTS	Mandatory Module Department Group D 5 ECTS	Mandatory Module Department Group F 5 ECTS	
Elective Courses 5 ECTS (20 ECTS in total)	Elective Courses 5 ECTS (20 ECTS in total)	Elective Courses 5 ECTS (20 ECTS in total)	





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