

Department of Architecture Undergraduate Program Quality Assurance Policy

The Presidential Decree founding the Department of Architecture at the University of Ioannina was published in the Official Government Gazette Issue no. 206 / 2-10-2009. Article 4 of Presidential Decree 105/2013 (Government Gazette Issue or GGI 137 / 05-06-2013, vol. A) establishing the School of Architecture at the University of Ioannina, which includes the Department of Architecture. The operation of the Department during the academic year 2015-2016 was a catalyst for the establishment of the Engineering School to which it belongs today according to article 27, par. 3 of chapter C of Legislation 4452 (GGI 17 / 15-02-2017, vol. A')

The Department of Architecture, responding to the needs and requirements of modern society, ensures the provided quality of studies and focuses on the continuous improvement of its educational, research and administrative quality with the Quality Assurance Policy which is fully harmonized with

- the "Quality Assurance Policy" of the University of Ioannina

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- the "Standards for Quality Certification of Undergraduate Programs"

by the Authority for Quality Assurance and Certification in Higher Education or Hellenic Authority for Higher Education

https://www.adip.gr/sites/default/files/pages/29/734-protypo_pps.pdf

- and the "Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area" (ESG 2015)

https://enqa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/ESG_2015.pdf

Consistent strategic goal set through the Departmental policy is to ensure and continuously improve the Undergraduate Program quality, so that its graduates receive the best possible academic training in the field of Architecture, equipping them with the knowledge and skills for successful careers in both academia or the profession. This Departmental policy is made public to all members of the academic and administrative staff as well as to students, who, in response to their institutional role, ensure its enactment procedures and contribute to its implementation. To ensure the excellence of its Undergraduate Program the Department is committed to provide for the:

- academic and scientific orientation of the Program, addressing a full disciplinary spectrum within the field of Architecture and following its continuous development,

- adequacy of the undergraduate Program structure and organization for this purpose, carrying out continuous quality controls and preparing systematic improvement actions,

- promotion of teaching work quality and effectiveness, considering both the academic realm and professional markets, aiming at learning outcomes in accordance with the "European" and "National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education,"

<https://proson.eoppep.gr/el/QualificationTypes/Details/59>

- strengthening and advancement of quality research conducted within the Department, the utilization of knowledge produced and its connection with teaching,

- suitability of qualifications in human resources - regarding its teaching, research, administrative staff,

- quality of supportive amenities and facilities, of administrative and electronic services, both in terms of teaching and research work,

- the provision of appropriate resources for the implementation of quality policies and the smooth operation of the Program.

To monitor the implementation of these objectives, and to take corrective action where necessary, the Architecture Department at the University of Ioannina:

- follows all relevant institutional procedures and conducts, on an annual basis, an internal evaluation of its Undergraduate Program, in collaboration with the Internal Evaluation Team (henceforth OMEA) of the Department and the Quality Assurance Unit (henceforth MODIP) at the University of Ioannina, in the context of the "Internal Quality Assurance System" (henceforth ESDP) of the institution.

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- utilizes the remarks and feedback by regularly scheduled external evaluations of the Department, carried out in collaboration with the Quality Assurance Unit of the institution and the Hellenic Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (henceforth HQA) in Higher Education,
- publishes the Departmental quality policy and all outcomes of its implementation control procedures to all stakeholders and relevant parties.

Learning Outcomes:

The undergraduate program of study at the Department of Architecture strategically aims at acquiring the knowledge and skills described in the European Certification Framework for architects' professional rights (Directive 2005/36 / EC and Directive 2013/55 / EU) with the corresponding categorization and organization:

1. Architectural Design - Composition / Creativity

ability to conceive architectural design entities that meet aesthetic as well as technical requirements.

2. History and Theory

Aptitude and knowledge of the histories and theories of architecture as well as of related disciplines in the humanities, arts, sciences, and further technology-related fields.

3. Fine Arts

Understanding of the fine arts as an aspect that influences the qualities of an architectural concept.

4. Urban Planning

Adequate knowledge and understanding of planning, urban design and relevant techniques related to the design process at the scale of the city.

5. Integration into the Built Environment

ability to understand the relationships, on the one hand, between people and architectural entities, and on the other hand, between architectural output and its environment, as well as ability to understand the need for a harmonious integration of architectural work with the context, depending on the human factor, human needs, and the corresponding scale of operation.

6. Social Dimension of Design

ability to understand the architectural profession and its role in society, through the elaboration of design schemes and the development of strategies that address social factors and parameters.

7. Design Brief

knowledge of design documentation methods and the preparation of construction documents.

8. Structural Design

knowledge of issues in statics, construction, and civil engineering, as related to the design of buildings.

9. Indoor Environment (thermal, visual & acoustic comfort)

Adequate knowledge of issues related to the physical properties of buildings, technologies, as well as the operation of structures, as to facilitate for interior and climatic comfort.

10. Building Technology

technical skills, based on which the architect will be able to invent building systems that meet user needs, respecting budget restrictions and the building code or relevant planning regulations.

11. Rules-Codes

Adequate knowledge of the industries, organizational schemes, regulations and procedures related to the implementation of design work and the integration of individual projects within broader planning agendas.

Disclosure

The Department of Architecture quality assurance policy is made public and implemented with the participation of faculty members, adjunct tutors, administrators, and students. The basic text of the Departmental Quality Assurance Policy is posted on the Departmental website.

Information is also provided by the Department President in the context of the annual incoming students reception event.