

THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

(With effect from 2009-2010)

OBA1.0 TITLE AND DURATION OF THE COURSE

OBA1.1 The course shall be called the Degree Course in Bachelor of Architecture, abbreviated as B. Arch.

OBA1.2 The course shall be of five academic years' duration and conducted in ten semesters, each semester having duration of 16 weeks.

OBA1.3 The academic programme shall be spread over 10 semesters, with two stages viz., Stage 1 and Stage 2. Stage 1 shall constitute First Semester to Sixth Semester and Stage 2 shall constitute Seventh Semester to Tenth Semester. During the Ninth and Tenth semesters, the candidate shall undergo professional training and there shall be a project work (Thesis) in the Eighth Semester.

OBA1.4 The calendar of events in respect of the course shall be notified by the University from time to time.

OBA1.5 The examination in all the subjects of the 10 semesters shall be conducted at the end of each semester except when there are no candidates taking examination for any subject, as per the scheme of teaching and examinations.

OBA2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

OBA2.1 Admission for the first year of the course shall be open to the students

- (a) who have passed the two year Pre-University examination conducted by the Karnataka State Pre-University Board with Mathematics as a subject of study; or
- (b) who have passed 10+2 of the Central Board of Secondary Education (C.B.S.E.) with Mathematics as a subject of study; or
- (c) who possess Three-Year Diploma in any stream recognized by Government of Karnataka, or any other State government or Central government or any other Diploma qualification considered equivalent there to by this University
- (d) who possess international Baccalaureate Diploma, after 10 years of Schooling; or
- (e) Who have passed any other examination recognized by the University as equivalent thereto.

OBA2.2 The candidates shall have secured a minimum of 50% of marks in the qualifying examination. Provided that candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and any other groups classified by the Government of Karnataka for such purpose from time to time shall be considered eligible for admission, if they have passed the qualifying examination giving eligibility for B.Arch. admission with 45% of marks.

OBA2.3 Candidates coming from Diploma streams shall not be entitled to any exemption of any subject at the B. Arch. degree course.

OBA2.4 All the candidates seeking admission to B.Arch. shall pass the National Aptitude

Test conducted by the Council of Architecture, New Delhi. Currently, the pass marks is 80 out of 200 in the NATA. This requirement is to be fulfilled by all candidates including those belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other classified groups.

OBA3.0 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

OBA3.1 A candidate shall undergo the prescribed course of study in a college affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University and satisfy necessary attendance requirement.

OBA3.2 Each semester is considered as a unit and a student shall put in a minimum of 85% of attendance in each of the subjects prescribed for a semester, which includes lecture, Practical and Studio.

OBA3.3 The Vice Chancellor may condone the deficit in attendance of a candidate who has attended between 75% and 85% of the classes in any subject on his showing a reasonable cause for the deficit along with the recommendation of the Head of the concerned Architecture Department/Principal of the concerned institution. A candidate obtaining less than 75% of attendance in any subject shall have to repeat the whole semester and such candidates shall not be permitted to take the admission to the next semester.

OBA3.4 Head of the concerned Architecture Department / Principal of the concerned Institution shall report cases of shortage of attendance to the University immediately after the closure of the term and well before the commencement of examination, theory, viva voce or term work, whichever is earlier.

OBA3.5 In all cases, the basis for the calculation of the attendance shall be the period prescribed by the University by its calendar of events and in case of late admission to the First Semester of the course on C.E.T allotment, from the date of admission.

OBA3.6 The student shall be informed about the attendance position periodically by the college so that he /she shall be cautioned to make up the shortage. Provided that mere omission by the College to inform the student about the shortage of attendance shall not entitle him to appear for examination.

OBA4.0 THEORY MARKS / PROGRESSIVE MARKS / VIVA MARKS / TERM WORK MARKS

OBA4.1 Theory / progressive / *viva voce* /term work marks shall be as prescribed in the scheme of teaching and examinations.

OBA4.2 Theory marks refers to the marks obtained in a subject in a time bound University examination. Evaluation in each theory subject shall be conducted by the University, by appointing one Chief Examiner for that subject who shall provide a scheme of valuation. There shall be Moderators and Valuers for each subject under the Chief Examiner. The Valuers will evaluate the answer scripts and these shall be reviewed and moderated by the Moderators on a sample basis.

- OBA4.3** Progressive marks refer to the marks given to a student on a continuous basis during a semester by the concerned subject teacher/teachers.
- (a) In the case of subjects which are mainly studio based as per the scheme of teaching and examinations, the progressive marks shall be the total of marks given to the various drawings (plates) submitted from time to time by a student on tracing sheets / butter sheets / drawing sheets or Computer printouts. However, if the subject teacher so desires he shall give some weightage for time problems / tests in these subjects. In a semester two- three such time problems / tests may be conducted.
- (b) In the case of subjects which are mainly lecture based as per the scheme of teaching and examinations, the progressive marks shall be based on the average of two tests conducted normally at the end of 8th and 12th weeks of each semester.
- Provided that, the teacher may give assignments instead of tests which may include sketching, book reviews write-ups etc.
- (c) In the case of subjects which are mainly practical based as per the scheme of teaching and examinations, the progressive marks shall be based on the assignments submitted by the students. A minimum of two assignments per semester shall be given.
- (d) In all the three cases, viz studio based, lecture based and practical based subjects:
- I. The concerned teacher shall give a reasonable opportunity to the student to improve his / her progressive marks, for example by re-doing the assignments or taking an additional test etc., within the time frame of the given semester.
 - II. The relevant records and submissions of students which have been assessed for progressive marks shall be produced as and when they are sought by the University.
- OBA4.4** Term work examination refers to the examination of the portfolio produced by the student in respect of a subject. This examination shall be conducted by two examiners, one internal and the other external in the absence of the student. The portfolio shall include all the class work done in the subject during a semester.
- OBA4.5** *Viva voce* marks refer to the marks obtained in the *viva voce* examinations conducted as per the scheme of teaching & examinations in various subjects. For a *viva voce* examination, there shall be two examiners, one internal and one external. Internal examiner shall be the subject teacher or any other teacher engaged in full time/part time teaching in the concerned college. External examiner shall be a teacher / professional who is not teaching in the concerned college. All examiners shall be appointed by the University. In all the cases, the evaluation shall be made jointly and one consolidated mark be awarded.
- Provided that for the 8th semester *viva voce* examination, in Architectural Design Project (Thesis), there shall be three examiners, one internal and two external. The examiners shall follow the scheme of valuation prescribed by the University. The candidate shall be present in person for these examinations and submit the portfolio of works done during the semester and answer the queries raised by the examiners in respect of portfolio.

- OBA4.6** The progressive marks awarded to the students in a subject shall be displayed on the notice boards of the colleges to enable the students to point out any discrepancies. The progressive marks finalized shall be signed by the concerned teacher / teachers, Head of the Department, and Principal on each page and they shall be sent to the University.
- OBA4.7** If a candidate fails to secure a minimum of 50% of marks in progressive marks in any subject, he / she shall not be eligible to take up theory / *viva voce* / term work examination in that particular subject.
- OBA4.8** It shall be the responsibility of concerned Head of the Architecture Department / Principal to implement clause OBA 4.7. In the event of an ineligible candidate inadvertently being allowed to appear for the theory / *viva voce* / term work examination, the result of the concerned examination shall be null and void.
- OBA4.9** Such candidates shall correct, improve, re-do the concerned works on the advice of subject teacher and re-submit them during any of the subsequent semesters in order to secure the minimum required progressive marks in that subject.
- OBA4.10** However, the candidates shall register their names in their college for repeating work within 15 days from the commencement of any of the subsequent semesters during which they desire to improve their marks.
- OBA4.11** The list of such candidates, who have not secured the minimum in the progressive marks, shall be sent to the University along with the submission of progressive marks of the successful candidates.
- OBA4.12** After the submission of progressive marks to the University, any requests for changes in the marks by the college shall not be considered under any circumstances.
- OBA4.13** Progressive marks sheet shall be submitted to the University without any delay when required by the University and the Principal of the concerned college shall be responsible for any delay.
- OBA4.14** When once a candidate secures a minimum or more than the minimum progressive marks in any subject, the marks shall be frozen and shall not be changed under any circumstances.
- OBA4.15** A candidate shall under go Professional Training in the 9th and 10th semesters under the supervision of a practicing professional registered with the Council of Architecture, for a period of 16 weeks in each semester. A candidate opting to undergo training abroad has to work under an architect who is a member of the Institute of Architects of that country. He / She shall submit the logbook, training report and certificate to the effect that he / she has undergone professional training to the Head of the Architecture Department / Principal. The candidate shall face a *viva voce* examination for Professional Training in both the semesters. If a candidate fails in the *viva voce* examination, he shall repeat the training afresh in any of the succeeding semesters and appear for the *viva voce* examination again.
- OBA4.16** The progressive marks in the case of 09 ARC– 8.1 Architectural Design Project of

8th semester shall be based on the evaluation of the project work (Thesis) as prescribed from time to time in the scheme of teaching and examination.

OBA4.17 Any correction or over writing of Progressive marks shall bear the signature of concerned teacher(s) and Head of the Department.

OBA4.18 Gracing of marks shall not be applicable for progressive marks, *viva voce* marks and term work marks. However, it shall be applicable for the theory examination marks, as per the Regulations of the University.

OBA5.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR PASSING

OBA5.1 For a pass in a subject, a candidate shall secure a minimum of 50% of marks prescribed for a subject in Progressive marks, 40% in the theory examination, 40% in *viva voce* examination and 40% in term work examination.

OBA5.2 Candidates who do not satisfy the condition of OBA5.1 shall be deemed to have failed and have to re-appear for the theory, *viva-voce* or term work examination in which he/she has secured less than minimum marks prescribed.

OBA5.3 The candidate who gets the prescribed passing marks as per OBA5.1 in one or more subjects but not all the subjects of a semester shall be exempted from reappearing for those subjects in which he/she has passed.

OBA5.4 A candidate may, at his/her desire, reject the result and reappear for the examination, only once during the entire course of 10 semesters.

OBA5.5 Such a candidate shall reject all the subjects of the concerned semester whether he has passed or failed in any subject, and he shall not be allowed to reject any individual subject.

OBA5.6 Candidates opting for rejection at 4th year / 5th year are eligible for award of class and distinction at the B. Arch degree level, but are not eligible for award of ranks.

OBA5.7 Application for such rejection shall be sent to the Registrar (Evaluation) through the Principal of the College within thirty days from the date of announcement of results.

OBA5.8 A candidate shall be declared to have completed the course of B.Arch. degree provided he/she has undergone the training in all 10 semesters.

OBA6.0 AWARD OF CLASS AND DISTINCTION AT SEMESTER LEVEL

OBA6.1 Class and Distinction at semester level shall be awarded at each semester by taking into account aggregate marks obtained by the candidate in first appearance for the semester examination.

(a) The candidate who secures 70% or more marks in aggregate during first appearance in a semester and passes in all the subjects of the semester shall be declared to have passed in first class with distinction.

(b) The candidate who secures 60% or more marks but less than 70% of marks in aggregate during first appearance in a semester and passes in all the subjects

- of the semester shall be declared to have passed in first class.
- (c) The candidate who secures less than 60% of marks in aggregate in a semester and passes in all the subjects of a semester shall be declared to have passed in second class.

OBA7.0 AWARD OF CLASS FOR THE DEGREE

- OBA7.1** Classes at Bachelor's Degree in Architecture shall be awarded based on the performance of 7th to 10th semesters taken together.
- (a) A candidate who secures 70% or more marks in aggregate and passes in all the subjects of 7th to 10th semesters in first attempt only shall be declared to be eligible for B. Arch. degree in first class with distinction.
- (b) A candidate who secures 60% or more marks, but less than 70% of marks in aggregate and passes in all the subjects of 7th to 10th semesters shall be declared to be eligible for B. Arch. degree in first class.
- (c) A candidate who secures less than 60% of marks in aggregate and passes in all the subjects of 7th to 10th semesters shall be declared to be eligible for B.Arch. degree in second class.

OBA8.0 AWARD OF PRIZES, GOLD MEDALS AND RANKS

- OBA8.1** A candidate shall be declared to be eligible for rank at his B.Arch. degree provided he/she has passed in all the subjects of 7th to 10th Semesters in first attempt only.
- OBA8.2** There shall be ranks, based on the aggregate marks of 7th to 10th semesters, as per the Rules of the University.

OBA9.0 PROMOTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXAMINATIONS

- OBA9.1** There shall be no restriction for promotion from odd semester to even semester, if the candidate has fulfilled the attendance requirement, except in the case of promotion from 9th semester to 10th semester.
If a candidate fails in the *viva voce* examination of 09ARC9.1-Professional Training-I, he/she shall not be eligible to be promoted to the 10th semester. In such a case, the candidate shall repeat the Professional Training and re-appear for the 09ARC9.1 examination.
- OBA9.2** A candidate is eligible for promotion from even semester to odd semester if he/she satisfies the following conditions:
- (a) A candidate seeking admission to 3rd semester shall not have failed in more than four heads of 1st and 2nd semesters put together.
- (b) A candidate seeking admission to 5th semester shall have passed 1st and 2nd semesters completely and shall not have failed in more than four heads of passing of 3rd and 4th semesters put together.
- (c) A candidate seeking admission to 7th semester shall have passed 3rd and 4th semesters completely and shall not have failed in more than 4 heads of passing of 5th and 6th semesters put together.
- (d) A candidate seeking admission to 9th semester shall have passed 5th and 6th semesters completely and shall not have failed in more than four heads of

passing of 7th and 8th semesters put together.
Explanation: Each subject is treated as Head of passing.

OBA10.0 NOT FIT FOR TECHNICAL COURSE (N.F.T.C.) (NO. OF ATTEMPTS TO BE PERMITTED)

OBA10.1 A candidate who has not obtained the eligibility for third semester after a period of three academic years from the date of admission shall discontinue the course. However, the candidate is eligible for readmission to first year B.Arch. in respective college of the University and he/ she shall be allotted a University Seat Number (USN) without any change in the year of admission in the USN but the serial number of the candidate shall start with Seven hundred (7XX) series.

OBA10.2 The candidate shall complete the course within a period of ten academic years from the date of first admission failing which he has to discontinue the course.

OBA11.0 VACATION ASSIGNMENT/STUDY TOUR

OBA11.1 Vacation Assignment/Study tour shall be mandatory in the vacations between 2nd and 3rd Semester and between 4th and 5th semester. Vacation assignment may be a measured drawing and documentation of a noted building. Study tour may involve visit to places of architectural interest and making of a report. The Head of Department shall assign either of the two to the students who have finished the 2nd or 4th semester examinations. However, the exact choice of the assignment and the places to be visited during the study tour shall be at the discretion of the Heads of the respective Departments. The assignment may be given as group work (4-6 students in a group). The students shall submit a report on the assignment or study tour in groups (of 4-6 students) within 15 days from the beginning of the 3rd semester or the 5th semester as the case may be. The reports are to be assessed by the Departments which shall form the progressive marks for 09 ARC 3.8 and 09 ARC 5.9.

OBA12.0 TRANSFER OF STUDENTS

OBA12.1 Transfer of students from one college to another college within VTU may be permitted only at the beginning of 3rd, 5th and 7th semesters, within the permitted intake and subject to availability of seats in the respective colleges. The transfer shall be subject to the prior approval of the University and also the provisions of OBA.9.2. In the case of candidates from Universities other than VTU, they shall have passed in all the subjects of I and II semesters, for admission to 3rd semester, all the subjects of I to IV semesters for admission to V semester and all the subjects of I to VI semesters for admission to VII semester. Further, the equivalence of the syllabus content with respect to the concerned semesters between the University from where the student is migrating and VTU shall be established by the Board of Studies in Architecture of VTU.

OBA12.2 The University may prescribe fee for administrative purpose (for updating of the records), which shall be notified from time to time, for transfer from one college to another.

