

## THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE (Applicable for the Students admitted to 2004-2005 batch)

### **OBA. 1.0 TITLE AND DURATION OF THE COURSE**

**OBA. 1.1** The course shall be called the Bachelor of Architecture Course, abbreviated as B. Arch.

**OBA. 1.2** The course shall be of five academic year's duration and conducted in ten semesters and each semester having duration of 16 weeks.

**OBA. 1.3** The academic programme of ten semesters shall be divided into two stages viz., Stage 1 and Stage 2. Stage 1 shall constitute of the first six semesters, i.e., First Semester to Sixth Semester and Stage 2 shall constitute of the last four semesters, i.e., Seventh Semester to Tenth Semester. During the Seventh Semester the candidate shall undergo professional training and during the Tenth Semester shall undertake and complete a project work in Architectural Design.

**OBA. 1.4** The calendar of events in respect of the course shall be notified by the University from time to time.

**OBA. 1.5** The examination in all the subjects of the ten 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.

### **OBA. 2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSIONS**

**OBA. 2.1** Admission for the first year of the course shall be open to the students who have passed the two year Pre-University examination conducted by the Karnataka State Pre-University Board with English and Mathematics as subjects of study.

**OR**

10+2 of the Central Board of Secondary Education (C.B.S.E.) with English and Mathematics as subjects of study.

**OR**

Those who have passed any other examination recognized by the University as equivalent thereto.

**OBA. 2.2** The candidates shall have secured a minimum of **50%** of marks in the aggregate at the qualifying examination.

**OBA. 2.3** The three year Diploma Holders in Civil and Architecture branch of Engineering awarded by the Board of Technical Education, Government of Karnataka, or any other Diploma qualification considered equivalent there to by this University, who have secured not less than 50% of the total maximum marks in the final examination of the Diploma course are eligible for admission to the first year of B.Arch. course. However, there shall not be any exemption of any subject at the B.Arch. course.

- OBA. 2.4** Candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other groups classified by the Government of Karnataka for a similar purpose from time to time shall be considered eligible for admission if they have passed the qualifying examinations with 40% of marks. However, such candidates who have scored less than 50% marks at the qualifying examination shall take qualifying examination which may consist of an aptitude test.
- OBA. 2.5** Candidates other than those, who have passed the examination of Pre-University Examination Board, Karnataka and Engineering Diploma Examinations of the Board of Technical Education Karnataka, shall obtain eligibility certificate for seeking admission to B.Arch. degree course from concerned colleges of Karnataka State and get the same approved by the VTU. The University shall notify dates for the issue of eligibility certificates from time to time.
- OBA 2.6** All candidates seeking admission to B.Arch. shall pass an aptitude test conducted by the Government of Karnataka. The aptitude test shall be in conformity with the guidelines prescribed by the Council of Architecture.
- OBA. 3.0** **ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT**
- OBA. 3.1** A candidate shall undergo the prescribed course of study in a college affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University and satisfy necessary attendance requirement.
- OBA. 3.2** Each semester shall be 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 theory, Practical, Studio, etc.
- OBA. 3.3** 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.
- OBA. 3.4** Such cases of shortage of attendance shall be reported 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.
- OBA. 3.5** 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 exceptional cases from the date of admission to the course on C.E.T allotment. Provided that the exceptional cases shall be applicable only to the first semester.
- OBA. 3.6** The student shall be informed about the attendance position periodically by the college so that the student shall be cautioned to make up the shortage.

**OBA. 4.0 THEORY MARKS / PROGRESSIVE MARKS / VIVA VOCE MARKS/TERM WORK MARKS**

**OBA. 4.1** Theory marks / progressive marks / *viva voce* marks / term work marks shall be as prescribed in the scheme of teaching and examinations.

**OBA. 4.2** Theory marks refers to the marks obtained in a subject in a time bound University examination. Each theory subject evaluation 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.

**OBA. 4.3** Progressive marks refer to the marks given to a student on a continuous basis during a semester by the concerned subject teacher / teachers.

In case of subjects which are mainly studio based as per the scheme of teaching and examinations, the progressive marks shall be the sum total of marks given to the various drawings (plates) submitted from time to time by a student on tracing sheets / butter sheets / drawing sheets. However, the subject teacher may at his/her discretion give some weightage for time problems / tests in these subjects. Two to three such time problems / tests may be conducted.

In 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> weeks of each semester. However, the teacher may give weightage for assignments.

In 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 shall be given.

In all the three cases, the concerned teacher shall give a reasonable opportunity to the student to improve his / her progressive marks such as by re-doing the assignments or taking an additional test etc., within the time frame of the given semester.

In all the three cases, viz., studio based, lecture based and practical based subjects, the relevant records and submissions of students which have been assessed for progressive marks shall be produced to the University as and when required.

**OBA 4.4** 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.

**OBA. 4.5** *Viva voce* marks refer to the marks assigned in *viva voce* examinations conducted in the subject of Architectural Design of 5<sup>th</sup> Semester, 6<sup>th</sup> Semester, 8<sup>th</sup> Semester and 9<sup>th</sup> Semester; Professional Training of 7<sup>th</sup> Semester and Architectural Design Project of 10<sup>th</sup> semester. For *viva voce* examinations of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

semester, there shall be two examiners, of whom one shall be internal examiner and the other shall be external examiner. For the *viva voce* examination of the 10<sup>th</sup> Semester there shall be three examiners one of whom shall be internal examiner and the remaining two shall be external examiners. The subject teacher or any other teacher engaged in full time/part time teaching in the concerned college shall be the internal examiner. A teacher / professional not teaching in the concerned college shall be the external examiner. All examiners shall be appointed by the University. In all the cases, the evaluation shall be done jointly and one consolidated mark shall be awarded. For the *viva voce* examination in Architectural Design Project of the 10<sup>th</sup> semester, a Scheme of Valuation shall be supplied by the Chairman, Board of Examiners in Architecture, which shall be followed by the examiners in all the colleges. 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 the portfolio.

- OBA. 4.6** 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. Every page of the finalized progressive marks list shall be signed by the concerned teacher / teachers, the Head of the Department and Principal before they are sent to the University.
- OBA. 4.7** 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.
- OBA. 4.8** It shall be the responsibility of concerned HOD of Architecture / Principal to implement the clause OBA 4.7. If due to an error a candidate who is not eligible is allowed to appear for the theory / *viva voce* / term work examination, the result of the concerned examination shall be null and void.
- OBA. 4.9** 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.
- OBA. 4.10** However, the candidates shall register their names in their college for repeating work within 15 days from the commencement of the subsequent semester during which they would like to improve their marks.
- OBA. 4.11** A separate list of candidates who have not secured the minimum progressive marks shall be sent to the University along with the submission of progressive marks of successful candidates.
- OBA. 4.12** 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.
- OBA. 4.13** Progressive marks sheet shall be submitted to the University as and when required by the University and the Principal of the concerned college shall be responsible for any delay or default in the submission.

- OBA. 4.14** 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.
- OBA. 4.15** A candidate shall undergo professional training in the 7<sup>th</sup> Semester under the supervision of a practicing professional registered with the Council of Architecture, for a period of 16 weeks. He / She shall submit the log book, training report and certificate to the effect that he / she has undergone practical training, to the HOD of Architecture / Principal. The candidate shall face a *viva voce* examination in Professional Training. If a candidate fails in the *viva voce* examination, he/she shall repeat the training afresh in any succeeding semester and appear for the *viva voce* examination again.
- OBA. 4.16** The progressive marks in the case of ARC–10.1 Architectural Design Project of 10<sup>th</sup> semester shall be based on the evaluation of the project work from time to time as prescribed in the scheme of teaching and examination.
- OBA. 4.17** Any correction or overwriting of Progressive marks shall bear the signatures of concerned teacher(s) and Head of the department.
- OBA. 4.18** 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.
- OBA. 5.0** **ELIGIBILITY FOR PASSING**
- OBA. 5.1** 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.
- OBA. 5.2** The candidates who do not satisfy the condition of OBA. 5.1 shall be deemed to have failed and have to re-appear for the theory, *viva voce* or term work examination as the case may be.
- OBA. 5.3** The candidate who does not get the prescribed passing marks as per OBA. 5.1 in all the subjects of a semester but passes in one or more subjects is exempted from reappearing for the subjects in which he has passed.
- OBA. 5.4** A candidate may, at his desire, reject his / her result and reappear for the examination, only once during the entire course of 10 semesters.
- OBA. 5.5** Such a candidate shall reject all the subjects of the semester (which is being rejected) whether he / she has passed or failed in any subject, and he / she shall not be allowed to reject any individual subject.
- OBA. 5.6** Candidates opting for rejection at 4<sup>th</sup> year / 5<sup>th</sup> year are eligible for award of class and distinction at the B. Arch degree level, but are not eligible for award of ranks.
- OBA. 5.7** Application for rejection shall be sent to the Registrar (Evaluation) through the Principal of the College within thirty days from the date of announcement of results.

- OBA. 5.8** A candidate who has successfully undergone the training in all 10 semesters shall be declared to have completed the course of B.Arch. degree.
- OBA. 6.0** **AWARD OF CLASS AND DISTINCTION AT SEMESTER LEVEL**
- OBA. 6.1** 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.
- OBA. 6.2** The candidate who secures 70% and above 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.
- OBA. 6.3** The candidate who secures 60% of marks and above 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.
- OBA. 6.4** 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.
- OBA. 7.0** **AWARD OF CLASS FOR THE DEGREE**
- OBA. 7.1** The class of Bachelor's degree in Architecture shall be awarded based on the performance of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> semesters taken together.
- OBA. 7.2** A candidate who secures 70% and above marks in aggregate and passes in all the subjects of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> semesters in first attempt only shall be declared to be eligible for B.Arch. degree in first class with distinction.
- OBA. 7.3** A candidate who secures 60% of marks and above, but less than 70% of marks in aggregate and passes in all the subjects of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> semesters in first attempt only shall be declared to be eligible for B. Arch degree in first class.
- OBA. 7.4** A candidate who secures less than 60% of marks in aggregate shall be declared to be eligible for B.Arch. degree in second class.
- OBA. 8.0** **AWARD OF PRIZES, GOLD MEDALS AND RANKS**
- OBA. 8.1** A candidate shall be declared to be eligible for rank at his / her B.Arch. degree provided he / she passed all the subjects of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Semesters in first attempt only.
- OBA. 8.2** There shall be ranks, based on the aggregate marks of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> semesters, as per the stipulated rules of the University.
- OBA. 9.0** **PROMOTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXAMINATIONS**
- OBA. 9.1** There shall be no restriction for promotion from an odd semester to the next even semester, where the candidate has fulfilled the attendance requirement, except in the case of promotion from 7<sup>th</sup> semester to 8<sup>th</sup> semester.

- A candidate who has failed in the *viva voce* examination of ARC 7.1-Professional Training shall not be eligible to the 8<sup>th</sup> Semester. Such a candidate shall repeat the professional training and re-appear for the examination.
- OBA. 9.2** A candidate is eligible for promotion from even semester to odd semester if he/she satisfies the following rules:
- A candidate seeking admission to the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester shall not have failed in more than four heads of passing in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters put together.
  - A candidate seeking admission to the 5<sup>th</sup> semester shall have passed in all heads of passing in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters and shall not have failed in more than four heads of passing in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters put together.
  - A candidate seeking admission for 7<sup>th</sup> semester shall have passed in all heads of passing in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters and shall not have failed in more than 4 heads of passing of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semesters put together.
  - A candidate seeking admission to 9<sup>th</sup> semester shall have passed in all the heads of passing in all semesters up to and including 7<sup>th</sup> semester and shall not have failed in more than four heads of passing in the 8<sup>th</sup> semester.
- Explanation: Each subject is treated as Head of passing.
- OBA. 10.0 NOT FIT FOR TECHNICAL COURSE (N.F.T.C.)**  
(Number of attempts to be permitted)
- OBA. 10.1** A candidate who has not obtained the eligibility for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the respective college of the University with a new University seat Number and such admission will be considered as fresh admission.
- OBA. 10.2** A candidate shall complete the course within a period of ten academic years from the date of first admission failing which he / she shall discontinue the course.
- OBA. 10.3 VACATION ASSIGNMENT/STUDY TOUR**
- OBA. 10.3** There shall be a Compulsory Vacation Assignment/Study Tour in the vacation between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Semesters and between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> semesters. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> semester examinations as the case may be. However, the exact choice of the assignment and the places to be visited during the study tour is left to 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 3<sup>rd</sup> semester or the 5<sup>th</sup> semester as the case may be. The reports shall be assessed by the Departments which shall form the progressive marks for ARC 3.9 and ARC 5.9.

**OBA. 11.0 TRANSFER OF STUDENTS**

**OBA. 11.1** Transfer of students from one college to another college within VTU shall be permitted only at the beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 case of candidates from Universities other than VTU, they should have passed in all the subjects prescribed by the VTU for the semesters lower to the semester to which the admission on migration is sought. Further, the equivalence of the syllabus content with respect to the concerned semesters between the University from where the student is migrating and VTU has to be established by the BOS in Architecture of VTU.

**OBA. 11.2** 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.

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