

General description of the Master in Architecture study program

- **Qualification awarded** . Master in Architecture

- **Level of qualification**

The level of qualification is a Second cycle/level 7/(one-tier) master degree

- **Specific admission requirements:** Higher Education Entrance Qualification and entrance interview for regular admission to 1. Year. Admission based upon portfolio for applicants to 4.year and exchange studies.

- **Specific arrangements for recognition of prior learning (formal, non-formal and informal)**

If you are admitted as a student at BAS, the approval of minor credits earned at other educational institutions as part of a BAS degree program is possible, even if the credits were earned prior to admission. Students can be granted credit for equivalent theoretical courses taken at other universities. Approval of external courses is not possible prior to admission to a degree program. However, you may discuss your particular situation with the study coordinator prior to admission. For students that are admitted to the 4th year and that have minimum a Bachelor degree in Architecture, these credits are recognized into the degree at BAS.

- **Qualification requirements and regulations** Master in Architecture is awarded in relation to Directive of Degrees and training of Professional study, protected title and standardized study at Universities and Colleges of 16.12.2005.

- **Profile of the programme** The program is for 5 years and is organized into two parts, 3 years + 2 years, which is the very foundation program. Academically the program is divided into four main areas that require integration. APP: Architecture, Design and Planning. TTA: Technology, Engineering and Management. DAV (the other world) - exercises to train and develop the individual personality, her/his personal skills and her/his sensitivity. KTF: academic subjects.

Architecture, planning and design is the most comprehensive field of study. There will be design exercises, with introductory engineering and indirect implementation tasks. The work is performed partially in groups, in part individually. An integrated academic course is a prerequisite at BAS. Personal development and understanding of the academics must be comprehensive and uniform.

- **Key learning outcomes**

General skills: Should be able to identify and actively and critically discuss the scope, conditions and consequences that apply for the tasks of the architectural discipline. To be able to practice in the architectural profession's different roles and tasks, and have the ability to practice in the relevant

new roles and areas for the subject. Should have knowledge and actively debate professional ethical questions and be conscious about the professions social ethical role and consequences.

Knowledge: Should be able to understand, reflect on, apply and be critical reflecting towards the architectural knowledge and methods, and to identify and formulate artistic and scientific problems and issues. Should be able to reflect on and show critical distance to one`s own work. Shall have a systematic and complex understanding of the consequences of one`s own design proposal.

Skills. Should be able to create architectural plan, space and form in interaction with the professional field of knowledge and with social relevance. Should have developed a communicative and personal visual expression, and on the professional basis practice a critical approach to the established criteria. Should be able to systematically master architectural and artistic methods, tools, communicative ways of representations, as well as general skills that relate to architectural and planning practice. Should be able to communicate orally and in writing, as well as visually and spatially with colleagues and other relevant parties with accurate instrument about the disciplines artistic and scientific issues, solutions models, as well as specific plans and projects. Be able to initiate and implement academic and interdisciplinary cooperation and take on the responsibility of professional integrity and respect for other parties

- **Occupational profiles of graduates with examples**

After 5 years of completed studies one will be awarded a Master's Degree in Architecture and is then eligible for membership in the NAL - The Norwegian Architects Association. A master in architecture can engage in independent creative work as an architect in practice in offices or one`s own business. College education / membership NAL and experience in construction projects are requirements for approval within one or more classes according to Planning and Building Act.

- **Access to further studies:** The master`s degree is at an academic level that is sufficient for application to relevant third cycle degree (Ph.D) .

- **Course structure diagram with credits (60 per full-time academic year)**

1.year – 60 credits

2.year – 60 credits

3.year – 60 credits

Master course 1 – 30 credits

Master course 2 – 30 credits

Master course 3 – 30 credits

Diploma project – 30 credits

- **Examination regulations, assessment and grading**

All courses must be passed for continuing to the next year during the first three years of study. The students will be examined by external assessors for three major exams during their time at BAS, after the 2. Year, the 3. Year, and for their final diploma exam. In addition each of the 3 master courses are

counted as an exam and will be assessed with either pass or fail. The assessors for the 3 main exams consist of one foreign architect, one Norwegian architect and one artist. BAS has only a pass/fail grading system. For the final diploma exam, an award with a distinction for outstanding quality can be given. For exchange students, we convert the grade into their local grading system if required.

- **Graduation requirements** In order to graduate for BAS, you must have successfully completed your first 3 years of study, 3 separate master courses and the final diploma project. For external students that have their bachelor from another school, they must complete 3 master courses + final diploma project before graduating. For external students, they can have 1 semester exchange at another school approved into their degree at BAS. For students that started from the 1. Year, they can choose to do 2 semesters on exchange.
All financial obligations towards BAS must be fulfilled (tuition fee paid in due time etc.)

- **Mode of study (full-time, part-time, elearning...),** Full-time only.

- **Programme director or equivalent.** Rector Cecilie Andersson and Vice-rector Hector Pina Barrios have the overall responsibility for the study programme at BAS.