

**CURRICULUM / STUDY PLAN
AT BERGEN SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, NORWAY
FOR 4. and 5. YEAR STUDIES**

2. part studies

The study at BAS has duration of 5 years, divided into two parts; 3 years in first part (Foundation level) and 2 years in second part. (referred to as master level or Advanced level)

The first part is concluded with an examination. Passing this exam gives the right to continue to the second part.

The main exam/Diploma is included in the last term and counts 5 months.

Passing the Diploma gives the right to the academic title *Master in Architecture*. Please note that we offer a professional degree, we do not issue Bachelor degrees after 3 years. But completed studies give you a Master in Architecture.

Our two last years will consist of the following:

3 semester courses

1 semester diploma thesis, concluded with an exam for external assessors.

One semester course will give credit of 30 ECTS, for one full year 60 ECTS. The student will have 2-3 different studio courses to choose between. The student then follows one topic, one course, one teacher the whole semester. In this course one will have integrated architecture, design, art, theory, construction etc. It all comes as one "package", not split up into minor credits/units.

You will be able to choose among different studios for each semester,

One teacher will be responsible for each semester course, but this main teacher will include other teachers, as well as staff from other professions, as pedagogic resources.

One semester course consists of a main task for different purposes (design project), which the students work on during the entire semester. But the semester course itself has different phases and periods, with different focus.

A detailed plan for each semester course will be distributed to the participants. Normally each semester course has a study trip, either in Norway or abroad.

It is integrated and complex studies for making an answer, excursions and lectures included: – by means of a set program, to find a concept of approach and to elaborate a responding design. The architectural design works are accompanied by work in DAV and Structure, and the program of Supplementary Theoretical subjects. (see below)

Examples of design projects for semester courses:

- Design and structure of an arena for public performances, which can change a small city
- Centres of cultural activities in city centers and smaller communities.
- Ecological housing – an extension of the city.
- Public buildings in developing countries – one of the designs of a Children's Home in Nepal was built in a following term.
- London – reading a city, making for extension. A problem of "the great number".
- Urban space and commons is a challenge in the western society where private consumption has taken the lead in building towns and cities. We look at small communities which needs to preserve its identity.

Each class has its own studio, a workshop. Here each student has his/her own working desk. All reviews are done by means of a common exhibition in the workshop. All tutorial work is done on this desk or on the working model.

The teaching staff consists of practicing architects, artists, building engineers and instructors of different practices.

We have semester courses in the following categories:

- Restructuring of urban settlement
- Restructuring of rural settlement
- Complex building
- Architect in an unknown culture
- Construction where architectural projecting/design is the foundation
- Others

Each master course is counted as an exam, and will be graded either pass or fail. You need 3 master courses that are passed before you can start your final diploma term.

Four areas of subjects

The courses at BAS are organised around four different subjects.

APP – Architecture, planning and projects

TTA – Technology, economy and administration

DAV – (Den Andre Verden) – The Other World – developing free and personal expression.

KTF – supplementary theoretical subjects

The Exam / The diploma work / thesis

Half a year – one's own program, a complete project

Contents: Preparatory analysis of the chosen programme and site.

– Three methods of presentation

Evaluation – three criteria: 1 – attitude, 2 – approaches and methods,

3 – Skills and knowledge.

A public exhibition is made of all the diploma works of one year and is assessed by an external team of two architects and one artist of visual arts .BAS has only two grades for the diploma exam: PASS / FAIL
A passed exam gives the right to the title "Master in Architecture" and admission to a membership of The Union of Norwegian Architects (MNAL). A diploma supplement will be issued, which provides sufficient independent data to improve the international transparency and fair academic and professional recognition of the qualification.

The dates for each academic year will be announced annually. Normally we start the autumn term around 20. August, and it ends 20. December. The spring term starts around 4. January, ends around 28. May