

Mission

Our mission is to build the character and develop a multidimensional personality of future architects through structured education, to educate students for future architectural design practice through rigorous curricula, and to advance knowledge of the discipline to benefit the society locally, regionally, and internationally through scholarly research.

Vision

The Department of Architecture is an internationally acclaimed learning community engaging in exemplary architectural education, rigorous research and scholarship, and strengthening links to the professional and university communities, and the broader community.

The Department of Architecture is:

- Educating its students to become effective practitioner in the profession of architecture.
- Enriching the understanding of architecture as a broad humanistic and scientific discipline through sound training and multidisciplinary education.
- Creating community figures that are able to meet the demands of a changing profession with technical skills that are complemented by personal vision, ethical persuasiveness, and entrepreneurial drive .
- Advancing scholarly knowledge through research and active collaboration with professional and academic communities.
- Assisting the local community through mutual collaboration and addressing areas of communal interest.

Objectives

Alongside, the main target of preparing our undergraduate students to address the issues of professional practice and the demands of the everyday architectural market, our Program focuses upon two broader schemas. The first schema is concerned with preparing our future architects to address the cultural, social, ecological, economic, and aesthetic conditions of contemporary architecture within the complexities of contemporary cities. While recognizing the influx of

changes the discipline of architecture is going through in terms of theory, issues of architectural production and technological advances, sustainability and renewable energy, urbanity and city redevelopment are greatly affecting the architectural practice. Our Program is structured to prepare the students to creatively, critically, and effectively envision, design, and implement architectural and urban design projects that better address these issues.

The second schema is concerned with the increasingly complex role of the digital in producing the physical. As the disciplines of design in general and architecture in particular progressively embrace the transient domain of virtual space through electronically mediated design, it is all the more important for architects not only to grasp the material and technological means by which designs are both imagined and realized but also to utilize these means as resources of critical thinking.