



**RISEBA University of Business, Arts and Technology**  
**PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME "ARCHITECTURE"**  
**/postgraduate/**

**2018**



RISEBA University's Faculty of Architecture and Design (FAD) was established in 2011 and offers architecture studies in international settings in Latvia in two successive cycles – the **Bachelor's Programme in Architecture** (3.5 years, 210 ECTS) and the **Professional Master's Programme in Architecture** (2 years, 120 ECTS). Since its foundation the faculty has combined the best architecture education standards and teaching experience in Europe in pursuit of academic excellence and international recognition. The total length of the Architecture studies at RISEBA (Bachelor + Master) shape the volume of 330 ECTS or **5,5 full-time study years** thus meeting the general requirements of the EU standards for Architects education.

*The aim of the programmes is to provide students with the theoretical knowledge, practical skills and necessary competences to work in the field of architecture, design and urban planning. During studies students advance their abilities in analytical thinking and problem solving and acquire the research skills to approach design tasks in a variety of contexts to work out concepts while being socially responsible young professionals.*

Professional Master's Programme in Architecture was implemented starting from February 2017 and is designed to provide students with the professional postgraduate level education and practical experience of a high quality in architecture and urban planning, as well as deep theoretical knowledge in architecture and urban planning science, which would be beneficial for correspondent scientific field and grow Latvian intellectual potential in accordance with EU standards and priorities due to ongoing process of globalization.

The graduates of the Professional Master's Programme in Architecture will be eligible to obtain Certificate of architect's practice in accordance with the certification requirements issued and regulated by the Latvian Association of Architects of the Republic of Latvia.

Degree awarded: **Master in Architecture** (80 credits, 120 ECTS).

Qualification: **architect's professional qualification**.

Diploma allows the access to Doctorate programmes designed for studies after award of Master Degree.

Language of instruction: **English**.

Form of studies: **full time** (classes are conducted on Thu, Fri afternoons, Sat).

Duration: **2 years / 4 semesters**.

International opportunities: **one semester studies / practice abroad (ERASMUS+)**.

Start of the studies for the current period: **February, 2019**.

*The full study fee: 6000 EUR per year.*

*The study fee with the 20% discount applies to citizens and permanent residents of The Republic of Latvia:*

*4800 EUR per year (discount is applied to all study period – 2 years). The additional 720 EUR discount (for the first study year) is given to RISEBA University Bachelor's Programme in Architecture graduates.*

*The programme is fully accredited by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. Study direction "Architecture and Construction" is accredited by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia until Dec 3, 2019.*



## CONTENTS OF THE PROGRAMME

The **main cores** of the MA programme:

- architecture, urban planning and sustainability,
- entrepreneurship, project management and law studies,
- BIM – building information modelling studies,
- optional studies related to the creative industries and arts,
- study practice in the local or international architecture companies and governing or municipal institutions.

The fundamental concept of the curriculum of the programme is the **continuous development of the Master's Thesis** during the whole study process. This factor allows to conclude that the study process will provide individual approach to every student's interests. Thesis development is guided by the scientific supervisor.

The content of the Bachelor's programme at RISEBA University covers the major part of the knowledge, skills, and competences ascribed to the Architect's profession allowing to establish the Master's programme as a cycle of specialization studies putting more importance to the concept of urban planning. The programme reflects the needs of contemporary developments (including technological resources and systems) and marks the programme potentially interesting for educational & professional partnerships in the future.

## THE FACULTY

The academic staff involved in the programme: architect, guest lecturer Mg.arch. **Dirk Jan Postel** (NL), architect, assistant professor Dr.arch. **Ilze Paklone**, social anthropologist, guest lecturer Dr.sc.soc. candidate **Viesturs Celmiņš**, architect, lecturer Dr.h.c.arch. **Jānis Dripe**, urban planner and architect, guest lecturer Mg.arch. **Egons Bērziņš**, architect, guest lecturer Mg.arch. **Visvaldis Sarma**, assoc. professor Dr.sc.administr. **Iveta Ludviga**, assoc. professor Dr.sc.administr. **Iveta Cīrule**, assistant professor Dr.art. **Astra Spalvēna**, guest professor, Mg.art. **Aigars Bikše**, lecturer Mg.art. **Atis Kampars**, guest lecturer Dr.iur. **Jānis Rušenieks**, guest lecturer Dr.geogr. **Andis Kublačovs**, guest lecturer **Hadley Barrett** (UK), guest lecturer Dr.arch. **Jana Jākobsone**, guest lecturer Mg.sc.ing. **Jānis Berķis**, lecturer Mg.soc. **Ivars Ruņģis** and others.

## The study blocks of the programme:

No.	Title	Semesters				ECTS	ECTS per block	ECTS %
		I	II	III	IV			
1.	<b>Development of the Master's Thesis</b>							
1.1.	Development of the design project	6	6	6		18	<b>39</b>	32.5%
1.2.	Development of the Thesis				21	21		
2.	<b>Architecture studies</b>	6	6	6		18	<b>18</b>	15%
3.	<b>Internship</b>							
3.1.	Internship I / governing institutions	3	6	3		12	<b>39</b>	32.5%
3.2.	Internship II / designing, research, creativity	9	9	9		27		
4.	<b>Entrepreneurship, project management and law</b>	3	3	3	6	15	<b>15</b>	12.5%
5.	<b>Elective choice subjects</b>	3		3	3	9		
	Credits, total:	30	30	30	30	120	<b>120</b>	100%



## STATISTICS

Professional Master's Programme in Architecture is designed for a average number of 8 – 16 students per class. Such reasonable amount gives a possibility to realize students centered study process according to Leven principles. First graduates of the Professional Master's Programme in Architecture are expected in January 2019.

Ratio of the students per academic year:

<i>Study year</i>	<i>Students / Bachelor's Programme in Architecture (1st cycle)</i>	<i>Students / Professional Master's Programme in Architecture (2nd cycle)</i>	<i>Graduates / <b>Bachelor's Programme in Architecture</b></i>	<i>Graduates / <b>Professional Master's Programme in Architecture</b></i>
2011/2012	28	–	–	–
2012/2013	52	–	–	–
2013/2014	54	–	–	–
2014/2015	66	–	15	–
2015/2016	50	–	14	–
2016/2017	52	12	15	–
2017/2018	49	19	10	–
2018/2019	58	19	expected – 17 (January 2019)	expected – 10 (January 2019)

## THE REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For prospective students of the Professional Master's Programme in Architecture there are following entry requirements:

- diploma of the Academic Bachelor's or Professional Bachelor's degree in Architecture or an equivalent degree (+ transcript of records),
- if the previous education has been obtained abroad, applicant must present the reference issued by Academic Information centre in Latvia,
- filled-in online application,
- submitted copy of the passport or ID,
- payment of the registration fee,
- English entry test (not required for applicants who have acquired CE in English in B1 (Level C) or higher, have completed their previous education in English or have a positive IELTS (at least 6) or TOEFL (with a rating of at least 500) – if an appropriate certificate is not available, an English examination organized by the RISEBA is required),
- RISEBA Admission's test (just for foreign applicants),
- submission of CV, digital portfolio, motivation letter and intended MA Thesis topic,
- participation in the interview with the examination commission established by the programme director.

*More information on admissions procedure can be found on the website of the university: [www.riseba.lv](http://www.riseba.lv).*



## ABOUT RISEBA UNIVERSITY

For 25 years, **RISEBA University of Business, Arts and Technology** in Riga, Latvia, has offered its students contemporary and high-quality education. RISEBA is an interdisciplinary and multicultural private higher education institution fully accredited by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia.

One of the first private higher education institutions in Latvia, RISEBA is now among the 10 largest higher education institutions in Latvia (both public and private) with almost 3000 students, including 200 international students, who attend 20 study programmes of different levels and directions, and more than 9000 alumni. Since its foundation in 1992, the mission of RISEBA has been "to be a gateway to international careers".

The university facilitates the development of creative personalities, preparing students and graduates for entrepreneurial careers at the international level, offering a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate business and creative programmes as well as doctoral studies.

In the last decade RISEBA has opened studies in communication, audiovisual media arts and architecture, thus transforming the institution into a place where "business meets art". RISEBA stands out with its clear international focus and is distinguished by the exclusivity of the study programmes offered and variety of languages of instruction. The programmes at RISEBA are taught in Latvian, English and Russian, with both full and part-time tracks.

## FACILITIES

Studies take place in the **RISEBA Architecture and Media centre H<sub>2</sub>O 6** – a building in the former industrial area of Riga, the capital of Baltics. At the moment H<sub>2</sub>O 6 is hosting Faculty of Architecture and Design and Faculty of Media and Communications. The creative quarter of RISEBA and Architecture and Media centre H<sub>2</sub>O 6 offers wide range of facilities and professional equipment for various events. It facilitates number of auditoriums and exhibition halls, design and modelling workshops, library, a modern sound studio, photo and video pavilion and authorized Apple Training Centre and IT lab. Architecture students' workshop is accessible 24h a week and each student obtains a personalized desktop space.

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