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RISEBA University of Business, Arts and Technology
ACADEMIC BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME "ARCHITECTURE"
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*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 ACADEMIC BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMME in ARCHITECTURE is implemented as a basic component of the study direction "Architecture and Construction" and 1st cycle in training of architects. The full bachelor's degree programme takes 7 semesters (140 credits / 210 ECTS) and concludes with the Thesis project defended in front of and judged by the State Examination Commission.

The aim of bachelor's programme is to prepare qualified, competent and skilled graduates. The objective of the program is to ensure the acquisition of the theoretical knowledge, research and analytical skills, to provide students with the **practical skills for working in architecture and to prepare them for further studies in the field of architecture, urban planning**, as well as other related fields of design.

The degree awarded: **Bachelor of Engineering Sciences in Architecture** (140 credits / 210 ECTS).
The graduates will be able to continue with the subsequent Professional Master's degree program in Architecture at RISEBA (or corresponding programme in other institutions).

Language of instruction: **English**.

Form of the studies: **full time studies**.

Duration: **3,5 years / 7 semesters**.

International opportunities for the best students: **one semester studies / practice abroad (ERASMUS+)**.

Start of the studies for the upcoming period: **September, 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). University also offers various kinds of study fee discounts.

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

In the 1st cycle of the architecture studies through the semesters the main emphasis is placed on the design process, students' will to experiment and innovate, abilities to work and communicate in teams, presentation and defence of the projects, turning students into keen, capable and productive design professionals.

The students obtain the adequate skills to analyze the given task or address the issue in the particular context and to work out the idea and concept, deal creatively with the most complex design tasks being both socially and culturally responsible young professional. Students are trained to work in the teams and individually. They are able to establish the consecutive and reasonable design process in order to solve the varied level of difficulty design task.

The subject range of Bachelor's level studies is divided into 9 blocks:

architectural design	fine arts	construction technology	project management	economics & law	urban design	history & theory of architecture	arts & social subjects	BA Thesis project
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The successive years of the programme curriculum are built up around the **Architecture Design studios**. Each academic year the curriculum aims to explore consequently more complex issues and scale of architecture or urban design projects as such covering following areas:

- basic principles of the architectural design and composition,
- private living space and dwelling,
- collective dwelling,
- public buildings, public space and place-making,
- building reconstruction and re-use,
- urban space and planning, urban regeneration.

The curriculum of the programme is designed so that the theory and practice can supplement and overlap within each other. The students obtain knowledge about technical and building engineering issues, basic knowledge in the construction, and the concept of sustainability. The students acquire sufficient visual representation skills using hand, computer graphics and techniques of the digital production. Students gain knowledge in history of architecture and urban planning, as well architecture theory and criticism.

THE FACULTY

The academic staff involved in the programme: guest lecturer, architect Mg.arch. **Bart Melort** (Belgium), architect Mg.arch. **Malgorzata M. Olchowska** (Belgium), guest professor, urban planner Mg.arch. **Thomas Stellmach** (Germany), guest professor Dr.arch. **Sven Verbruggen** (Belgium), RISEBA Honorary professor, architect Mg.arch. **Andris Kronbergs**, architect, assistant professor Dr.arch. **Ilze Paklone**, architect, lecturer Dipl.arch., Mg.art. **Dina Suhanova**, architect, designer Dipl.arch. **Didzis Jaunzems**, architect, guest lecturer Dipl.arch. **Ints Menģelis**, architect Mg.arch. **Francisco Martinez** (France), architect, guest lecturer AA Dipl.arch. RIBA **Niklāvs Paegle** (Latvia/Austria), architect, leading researcher Dr.arch. **Jānis Lejnieks**, art theorist, lecturer Mg.art. **Atis Kampars**, anthropologist, guest lecturer Dr.sc.soc. candidate **Viesturs Celmiņš**, professor Dr.phil. **Greg Macdonald** (Latvia/Canada), architect, guest lecturer Dr.arch. **Jana Jākobsons**, entrepreneur in VR technologies, guest lecturer Mg.oec. **Alina Dolmate**, construction engineer, Dr.sc.ing. **Ģirts Frolovs**, building engineer Mg.sc.ing. **Jānis Kreicburgs**, civil engineer, guest lecturer Dr.sc.ing. **Arturs Leģinskis**, architect, guest lecturer Mg.arch. **Dace Kalvāne**, architect Mg.art. **Rūdolfs Dainis Šmits**, and others.



STATISTICS

Academic Bachelor's Programme in Architecture is designed for a average number of 15 –20 students per class. Such reasonable amount gives a possibility to realize students centered study process according to Leven principles. Until September 2018 there are in total 54 bachelor's programme graduates.

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 / Bachelor's Programme in Architecture</i>	<i>Graduates / Professional Master's Programme in Architecture</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	<i>expected – 17 (January 2019)</i>	<i>expected – 10 (January 2019)</i>

THE REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The application and entrance examinations takes place in summer of each year. The studies commence in September. All candidates are evaluated equally.

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

- diploma of the general or vocational secondary education (CE certificates in Latvian, English and Mathematics, and transcript of records); if the previous education is obtained abroad, record from Academic Information centre must be submitted,
- 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),
- specialized exam in drawing and composition,
- applicant may be invited for 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.



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 H₂O 6** – a building in the former industrial area of Riga, the capital of Baltics. At the moment H₂O 6 is hosting Faculty of Architecture and Design and Faculty of Media and Communications. The creative quarter of RISEBA and Architecture and Media centre H₂O 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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