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## CHAPTER 1

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 1

##### Subject of Regulation

The Regulation of the Second Cycle Study Program in Architecture stipulates the functioning principles of this program.

#### Article 2

##### Legal Basis

The Regulation of the Second Cycle Study Program in Architecture at “Epoka” Institution of Higher Education is based on the Law No. 9741, dated 21.05.2007, “On Higher Education in the Republic of Albania”, as amended, on the license issued by the Decision of Council of Ministers No. 281, dated 12.03.2008, “On the licensing of the Private Institution of Higher Education “Institution of Higher Education “Epoka”, on the Directive of the Ministry of Education and Science No. 14, dated 03.04.2008 “On the opening and organization of second cycle study programs in the public institutions of higher education”, on the Directive of the Ministry of Education and Science No. 15, dated 04.04.2008 “On the organization of studies in the public institutions of higher education”, on the Statute and Basic Regulation as well as on the Regulation of the Second Cycle Study Programs of this institution.

## CHAPTER 2


### PROGRAM CONTENT

#### Article 3

##### Specific formation aims of the program

Studies Program in Architecture II Cycle aims to investigate various problems in the field of architecture theory and practice. Studies Program in Architecture secondary has a research orientation and consists of topics that are of direct interest to students. This program includes topics such as housing, complex types of buildings, architectural psychology, theory design, presentation of urban and landscape design in an urban scale, the study of forms of cities and the study of relations between architectural forms and culture. Specific fields of study include forms a housing and settlement in developing countries and in different design. The purpose of this program is to provide students with knowledge, skills and broader approach and deep

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continuity, which enables an effective feature in many challenging architectural environment of the decades to come. Students Program Cycle Studies in Architecture II is expected to be leading scholars and specialists in the field of architecture in the future.

Studies Program in Architecture Second Cycle of "Epoka" University is provided in the Design of Architecture.

#### **Article 4**

##### **List of teaching disciplines and other formation activities**

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The list of teaching disciplines and other formation activities of the program is as below:

**T-** Theoretical hours

**P-** Practice hours

**C-** American system credits

**ECTS-** ECTS system credits

<b>First Semester</b>				
<b>Course Name</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN	4	4	6	10
NEW BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES	3	0	3	4
UNDERSTANDING TECHTONICS	3	0	3	6
DESIGN METHODS	3	0	3	6
ELECTIVE COURSE	3	0	3	6
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>Second Semester</b>				
<b>Course Name</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
ARCHITETCURAL DESIGN	3	3	3	12
QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH	3	0	3	6
ARCHITECTURE AND CRITICS	3	0	3	6
ISSUES OF ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING	3	0	3	6
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>

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Third Semester				
Course Name	T	P	K	ECTS
ARCHITECTURE M-I	3	0	3	6
RESEARCH METHODS	3	0	3	6
SEMINARY COURSE	1	0	0	12
ELECTIVE COURSE	3	0	3	6
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>

Fourth Semester				
Course Name	T	P	K	ECTS
THESIS	0	0	0	30
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>

### ELECTIVE COURSES

ELCETIVE COURSES	Theo.	Prac.	Credits	ECTS
THEORIES OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN	3	0	3	6
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN M-2	3	0	3	6
TRESHOLDS OF 20-th CENTURY	3	0	3	6
FORECASTING IN DESIGN	3	0	3	6
ARCHITECTURE IN CONTEXT	3	0	3	6
ARCHITECTURE AND IDENTITY	3	0	3	6
PSYCHOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE	3	0	3	6
EVALUATION IN ARCHITECTURE	3	0	3	6
HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME GROUPS	3	0	3	6
ENVIRONMENTAL AESTHETICS	3	0	3	6
ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNOLOGY	3	0	3	6
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN ARCHITECTURE	3	0	3	6
HOME AND CULTURE STUDIES	3	0	3	6
THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE CITY	3	0	3	6
DESIGN WITH PREFABRICATED BUILDING ELEMENTS	3	0	3	6
ARCHITECTURE AND UTOPIA	3	0	3	6
METHODS AND TECHNIQUES IN HOUSING RESEARCH	3	0	3	6
HOUSING AND CHANGE	3	0	3	6
GEOMETRY IN ARCHITECTURE	3	0	3	6

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### Article 5

#### Credits and impeding requirements for each teaching activity or other formation activity

First cycle study programs which enable admission into the Second Cycle Study Program in Civil Engineering:

- a) Without complementing formation knowledge prior to admission into the program;

From the same institution of higher education	
Program or primary programs which are not required to supplement the knowledge training	1. Architecture
From other institutions of higher education	
Program or primary programs which are not required to supplement the knowledge training	1. Architecture
	2. Urban Planning

- b) To supplement the knowledge training before entering the program;

From the same institution of higher education		Credits to be fulfilled
Program or primary programs who are required to supplement the training knowledge, coupled with the number of credits to be fulfilled	1. No	
From other institutions of higher education		Credits to be fulfilled
Program or primary programs who are required to supplement the training knowledge, coupled with the number of credits to be fulfilled	1. No	

### Article 6


#### Curricula and specific formation aims of every formation activity

The curricula offered to the students during the program and the specific formation aims of every formation activity are in the attached text.

### Article 7

#### Type of study, exams and other verifications of knowledge received by the students

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The type of study of the Second Cycle Study Program in Architecture is full-time.

The program consists of 12 courses, a term project and a thesis, which is completed at the final stage of the second cycle study program.

The teaching process is composed of lectures, projects and homeworks, practices, seminars and other similar works foreseen in the course program.

The evaluation from the academic point of view of lectures, projects and homeworks, practices, seminars and other similar works is done based on the measuring unit hour performed in auditorium. The value of credits of one course is composed of the total of all weekly theoretical hours and half of weekly hours used for application, laboratory, projects and other workshops.

At least 60 ECTS credits are completed during an academic year.

The success level of the student is evaluated based on the midterm exams; final exams; homeworks; presentations; projects.

With the proposal of the leader of the corresponding program and with the decision of the Scientific Committee, the student is given the right to enter an exam if he/she has not attended it during the year as a result of reasonable and documented reasons submitted within three days.

## **Article 8 Attendance**

The student enrolled in the program is obliged to attend at least 80% of the teaching and research activities carried out in the auditoriums, of theory courses as well as teaching and research activities performed in the laboratories and of practice. Students trespassing this limit have to repeat the course with all corresponding obligations.

The fulfillment or not of the requirements concerning the attendance is presented to the Leader of the Program by the course instructor every month and is checked by the Head of the Department.


## **Article 9 Student Transfer**

Quotas for horizontal transfers into the Second Cycle Study Program in Architecture are determined by the Scientific Committee and are approved by the Administrative Board of the Faculty, based on the principles established by this Board.

Students that have been transferred into this program are conferred a diploma subject to the condition that they should have completed at least a semester at “Epoka” Institution of Higher Education.

Students that have completed a semester at a second cycle study program can apply to the Student Affairs Office within the time period established in the academic calendar in order to

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horizontally transfer into the Second Cycle Study Program in Architecture, in compliance with the principles established by the Senate.

The application is evaluated by the Scientific Committee of the program and the Administrative Board of the Faculty takes the respective decision.


## Article 10

### Relations between credits and various formation activities

Relations between credits and various formation activities are as shown below:

Type of activity and the defining symbol for it	Disciplinary fields or other training activities	Credits	Total credits
Activities in the disciplines of general training (basic) (symbol: A)	1. Research Method	6	12 (~10%)
	2. Architectural Design M-1	6	
Activities in characteristic disciplines of study program (Symbol: B)	1. Architectural Design	10	46 (~38%)
	2. Architectural Design Studio	12	
	3. Methods of Projection	6	
	4. Tectonic meaning	6	
	5. Architecture Planning Problems	6	
	6. Architecture and Criticism	6	
Activities in similar disciplines and / or integrating related with characteristic disciplines (symbol: C)	1. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Research Architecture	6	10 (~8%)
	2. New Construction technology	4	
Discipline with student elections, among disciplines offered by the institution (symbol: D)	1 Architectural Design M-2	6	12 (~10%)
	Thresholds of the 20th Century		
	2. Forecasting in Design	6	
	3. Architecture in context	6	
	4. Architecture and Identity	6	
	5. Psychology in Architecture	6	
	6. Assessment in Architecture	6	
	7. Housing for Individuals with low income	6	
	8. Environmental Aesthetic	6	
	9. Architecture Design and Technology	6	
	10. Computer Applications in Architecture	6	
11. Apartments and Research	6		

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	12. Architecture of the City	6	
	13. Building Design with prime elements	6	
	14. Architecture and Utopia	6	
	15. Method and technique on studies Accommodations	6	
	16. Housing and Changes	6	
	17. Geometry in Architecture design	6	
Knowledge of other training, as supplements in foreign languages, computer, presentation, experience or practice, etc.. (Symbol: E)	1. Preparatory seminar for thesis	12	12 (~10%)
Diploma thesis (symbol: F)		30	30 (~24%)
<b>Total</b>			<b>122</b>

### Article 11

#### Recognition of credits for previously acquired knowledge

In accordance with the legislation in force, the Scientific Committee may recognize as credits of university formations in the Second Cycle Study Program in Architecture up to 40 credits from the formation activities gained previously by the student, which are in accordance with the specific aims of the program.

### Article 12

#### Number of Students

The minimum number of students in the Second Cycle Study Program in Architecture is five and maximum 50.

## CHAPTER 3

### FINAL PROVISIONS

### Article 13

#### Execution

This regulation enters into force on the date of its approval by the Higher Board of “Epoka” Institution of Higher Education.

The enforcement of this regulation is ensured by the Rector

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