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Preface

Throughout history, architecture and planning have reflected cultural and civilizational development. Today, architects, urban designers, and planners address urban issues by taking responsibility for the built environment and responding to the increased demand for natural resources. To achieve the needs of the labor market and the goals of the Kingdom's Vision 2030, including improving the urban environment in Saudi Arabian cities, accommodating more pilgrims and Umrah pilgrims, and establishing the Kingdom as the best destination for living, the Architecture and Planning Programme was established. The program spans five years, with three years dedicated to general architecture and two years specialized in architecture, urban design, and urban planning. The programme focuses on producing successful graduates in architecture, urban design, and planning through a studio-based approach. This is achieved by examining both the past and future to create original work that caters to the needs of society through developing diverse local built environments while maintaining a distinct urban identity framework. The programme's main objective is to cultivate successful graduates in architecture, urban design, and planning by leveraging a studio-based approach. This is accomplished by studying both the past and future to produce innovative works that cater to the needs of society and develop diverse local built environments while maintaining a distinct architectural and urban identity.

Consistency of

Architecture and Planning

Programme

The programme shows consistency with:

Saudi Standard Classification of Educational Levels and Specializations



Ministry of Education



Definition

This specialization aims to provide the student with the knowledge and skills to design buildings and facilities of all kinds. This specialization addresses preparing designs, drawings, architectural plans, technical specifications for building materials and bill of quantities for architectural business items bearing in mind climatic, environmental, customs and traditional factors of local community, functional and aesthetic aspects of buildings and installations.

Other Specializations Included In The Definition

- Architecture And Planning
- Architecture And Construction Sciences
- Urban Design
- Architecture Design
- Sites Engineering And Coordination
- Islamic Architecture
- Environmental Design
- Environmental Architectural Engineering
- Environmental Architecture

- History And Theories Of Architecture
- Interior Architecture Engineering
- Preserving The Architectural Heritage
- Housing
- Urban Design
- Sustainable Architecture
- Architectural Management
- Design Of Health Institutions

Important Courses Under This Specialization

- Theories of architecture
- Architectural design
- Building regulations

- History of architecture
- Architecture design and drawing software

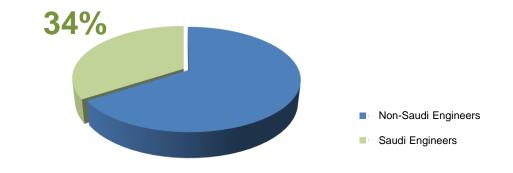
Societal and labor market needs



Several factors emphasize the importance of graduating a larger number of specialized architects from Saudi universities:

- Statistics from the Saudi Council of Engineers in 2020 indicate that there were 163,142 registered engineers, including 55,776 Saudi engineers, accounting for 34%.
- The Council is working to gradually increase localization rates in the engineering sector in collaboration with relevant authorities.
- Furthermore, the Council has taken steps to stop the recruitment of expatriate engineers with less than five years of professional experience since 2018. They have also made it mandatory for incoming expatriate engineers to undergo a professional test and a personal interview conducted by the Council to ensure their familiarity with the profession and specialization.





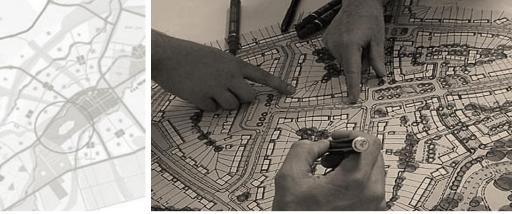
Considering the UQU Strategy 2027

- The development of career paths aligns with the strategic goals of the university, college, and department, in accordance with the requirements of the job market. Preliminary work on creating career paths was initiated as part of Plan 37.
- A survey conducted among office owners, consultants, and real estate developers in Mecca highlighted the increasing demand for specialists in architecture, planning, and urban design.

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Developing the university's educational programms to meet international quality standards, suit the needs of the labor market and development requirements in the Kingdom."



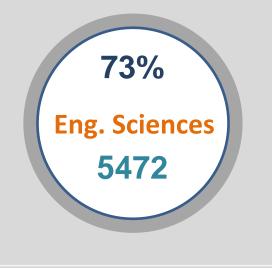




Human Resources Development Fund



 According to data from the National Labor Observatory, the employment rate for graduates of the engineering discipline from the class of 2019 was 73% as of October 2020. This represents the secondhighest employment rate after the pharmacy discipline, confirming the job market's demand for this specialization.





https://www.hrdf.org.sa/home/index.html

The king Salman Architectural Charter

The king Salman Architectural Charter is a complete creative experience, born from deep thought, and a summary of a comprehensive vision of architecture. This creative endeavor is the result of a clear interaction between realistic experiences and ambitious aspirations for improvement. It has taken shape and content to establish itself as a distinguished presence among the various architectural styles.

This charter serves as a strategic foundation for urban development and the future. It provides a design methodology that highlights the Kingdom's history and culture on one hand and serves as a guiding reference for decision-makers, professionals, and those interested in architecture and urban planning on the other.

The charter aims to introduce the vision of King Salman bin Abdulaziz, in the field of urban planning. This vision is based on authenticity as the essence of creativity, flexibility capable of adapting to the new, and innovation that can break through the barriers of time, space, and materials. It envisions the potential for significant aesthetic additions beyond these boundaries.

Vision of the Charter

To establish a national methodology for achieving urban excellence and improving the quality of life for all members of society by creating urban environments that draw from cultural and environmental heritage while adapting to future developments.



Human Capacity Development Program:

Among the objectives of the Human Capacity Development Program:

- The Human Capacity Development Program aims to equip citizens with the abilities to compete globally by enhancing their core skills, future-oriented skills, and knowledge development.
- The program focuses on building a robust educational foundation to prepare young individuals for both local and global job markets by improving the ranking of educational institutions and enhancing the quality of basic learning outcomes. It also ensures alignment between these outcomes and the requirements of the labor market.

Hence, the need for the development of the current program within the department arises.



VISIO

Aligning with the goals of Vision 2030 of the Kingdom by:

- 1. Enhancing the ranking of educational institutions.
- 2. Improving the outcomes of basic education.
- 3. Ensuring alignment between educational outcomes and the needs of the job market.
- 4. Enhancing the readiness of youth to enter the job market.

Housing Program:

Among the objectives of the third level of the Housing Program:

Enhancing the urban landscape in Saudi cities

The scope of the program includes:

- a. Redeveloping city centers to reduce the need for additional land.
- b. Establishing new residential projects.

The program works to improve various aspects of the housing sector through several initiatives, including:

- a. Increasing the number of developers in the sector.
- **b.** Contributing to job creation in this sector.







Guests of the Merciful Program:

Among the objectives of the Guests of the Merciful Program:

Hosting more pilgrims and Umrah performers This entails:

- Preparing the Holy Mosques and their urban surroundings.
- Providing optimal capacity for the Holy Mosques.
- Providing optimal capacity for the hospitality sector.
- Ensuring capacity for infrastructure and transportation networks.
- Preparing heritage and cultural sites.
- Offering the best services before, during, and after visiting Mecca, Medina, and the holy places.
- Enhancing the overall urban landscape.



VISIO





https://www.vision2030.gov.sa/en/vision-2030/vrp/



Among the objectives of the Quality-of-Life Program:

Making the Kingdom a better place to live

This is achieved through several goals, including:

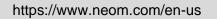
- Providing services and enhancing the available infrastructure for sports, cultural, and other activities.
- Preserving Islamic, Arab, and national heritage.
- Establishing special zones and developing cities.
- Making the Kingdom a global entertainment hub through the development of leading entertain. areas.
- Reducing traffic congestion, promoting public transportation use, and decreasing traffic accident fatalities.
- Reducing various forms of pollution.
- Achieving a percentage of green spaces that meets the minimum recommended by the World Health Organization.
- Improving people's walking habits.







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Some examples of promising projects that require more expertise in architecture, urban design and planning

NEOM

A cross-border city project with the aim of transforming the Kingdom into a global model for improving aspects of life.

This includes the creation of new cities and a complete infrastructure for the region, including a port, airport network, industrial zones, centers for supporting the arts, and innovation hubs to boost the business sector. Additionally, it involves the development of targeted economic sectors.







NEOM



THE LINE

Why do we sacrifice nature for development?

THE LINE aims to create a comprehensive, sustainable smart city stretching over 100 miles, expected to become a million-person city by 2050.

- A city without cars, roads, congestion, or noise.
- A city completely free of carbon emissions.
- A city reliant on renewable energy sources.
- A city driven by artificial intelligence.
- A city with innovative urban design for outdoor spaces.
- A sustainable city that respects the environment.



COASTA



NEOM

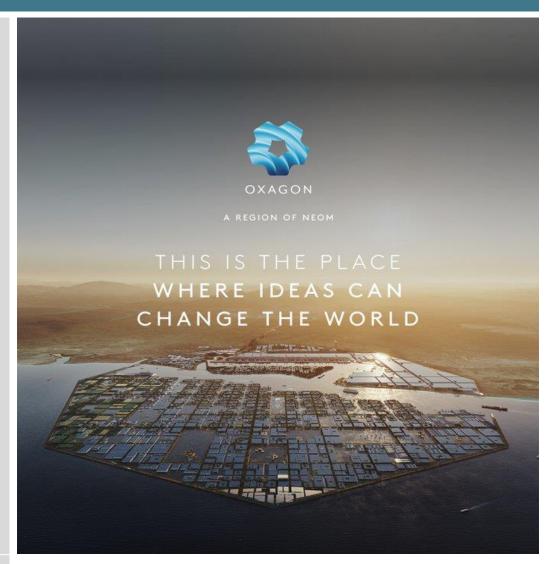
OXAGON

A radical transformation in urban design for manufacturing centers

It aims to present a new model for future manufacturing centers in line with NEOM's strategy, which redefines how humanity lives and works in the future.

The unique octagonal design of the center minimizes any environmental impact, as it maximizes land use to support environmental preservation.

Additionally, the center constitutes the world's largest floating structure and serves as a foundation for transitioning to the "blue economy," relying on seas for achieving sustainable development, reflecting creativity and innovation in urban design.



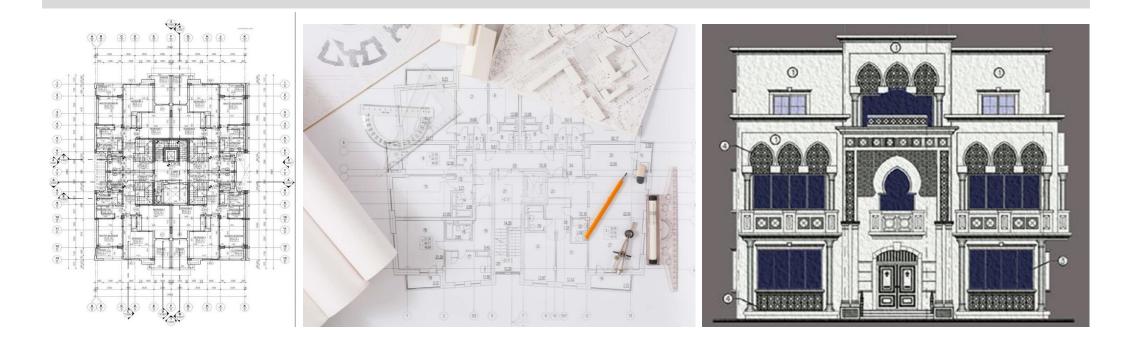
Architecture Track

An overview of the Architecture track

This track was established in line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030, and the university's strategic objectives, which respond to the growing national demand for professionally trained personnel in architecture.

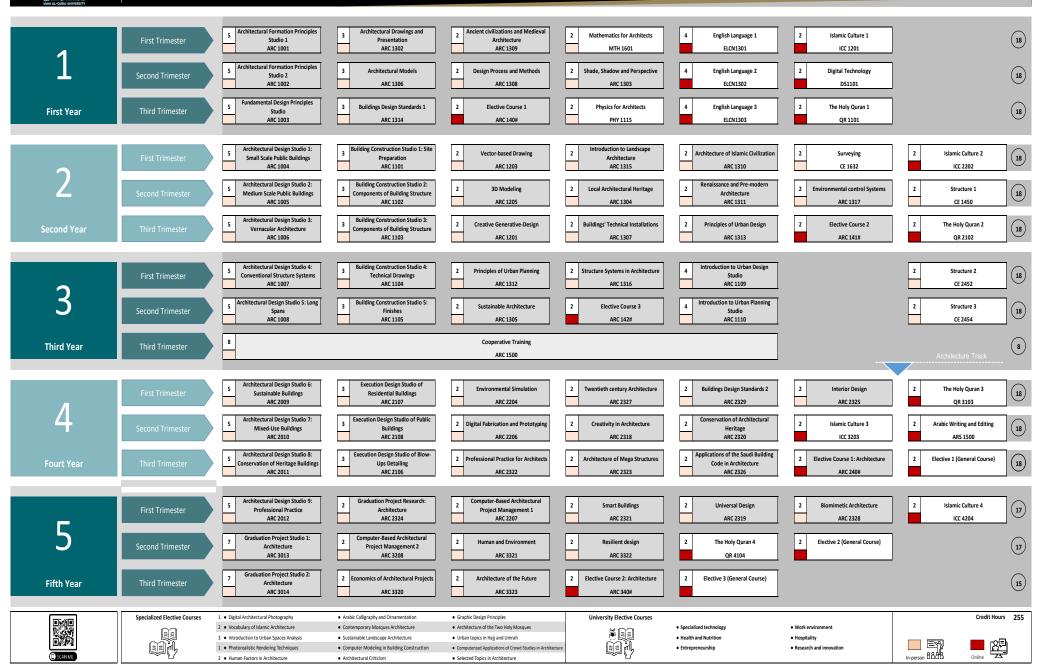
The track includes advanced architectural design studios, execution design studios, advanced theoretical architecture courses, etc.

Specialization in this track takes place during the last two years of the program.





Architecture and Planning Program- Architecture



Career opportunities

As a graduate of the Architecture track, student are prepared for a career as a practicing architect in both the public and private sectors.

Architecture graduates can look forward to the following roles:

- Architect
- Designer
- Site Engineer
- Architectural Designer AutoCAD
- Architectural Designer Residential Architect
- CAD Manager
- Interior Architectural Designer
- Project Manager
- BIM Coordinator
- BIM Manager

Urban Design Track

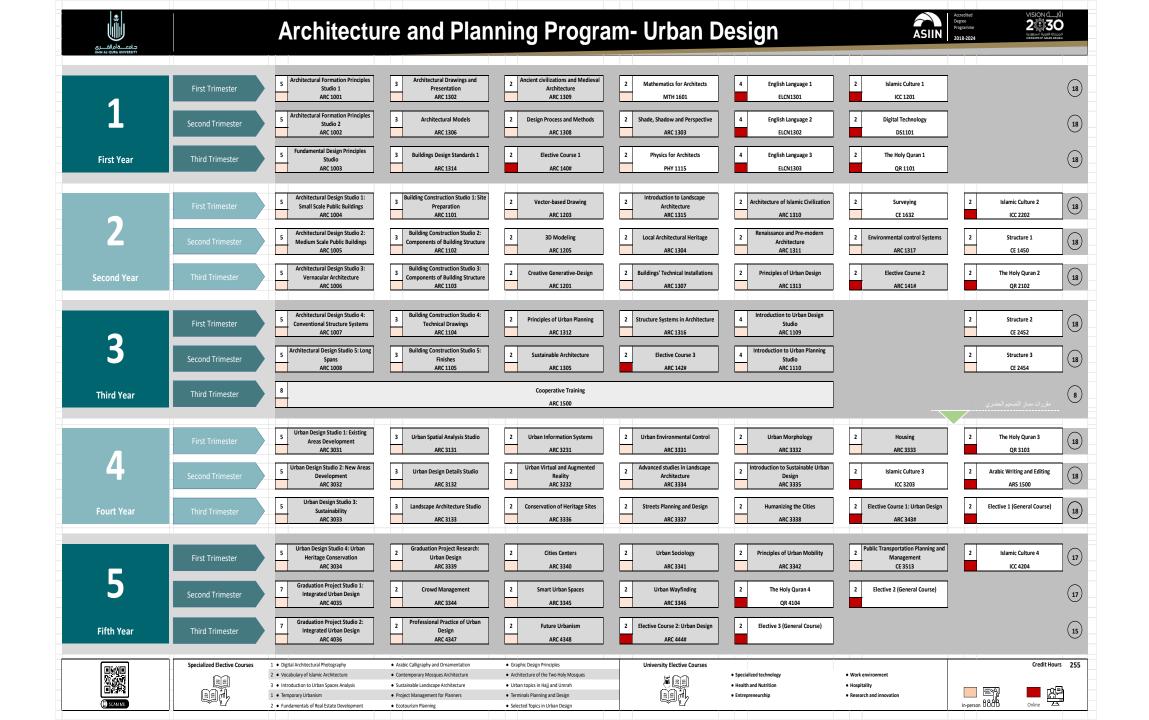
An overview of the Urban Design track

The track was proposed in line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030, and the university's strategic objectives. It responds to the growing national demand for professionally trained personnel in urban design.

The track includes courses in urban design, landscape, urban upgrading and preservation, among others.

Specialization in this track takes place during the final two years of the programme.





Career opportunities

The role of the landscape designer and urban designer has become an indispensable position for any ministry, governmental department or private agency. Institutions such as the Ministry of Planning and Economy and the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs are always looking for qualified professional planners. Planners are also in demand at institutions concerned with the development of service sectors such as education, health and public utilities as well as entities that develop productive sectors such as agriculture, industry, tourism and others.

Graduates can look forward to the following roles:

- Landscape Designer
- Urban Designer
- Urban Design Manager

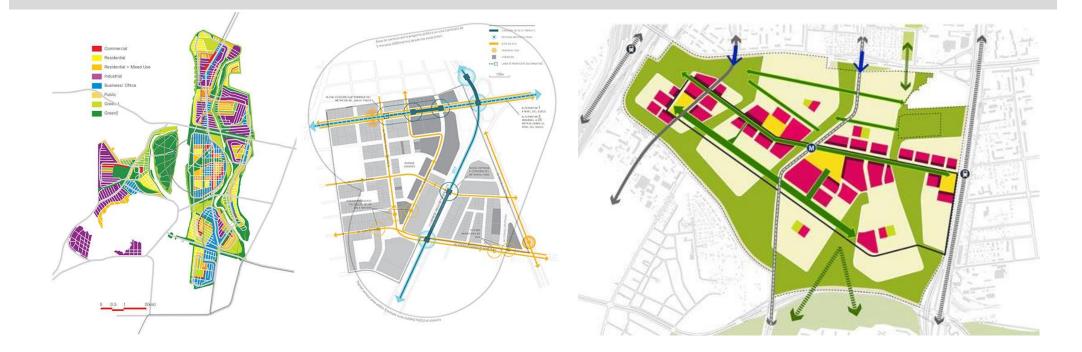
Urban Planning Track

An overview of the Urban Planning track

This track was proposed in line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030, rapid population and economic growth in Saudi cities, and the growing national demand for professionally trained personnel in urban planning.

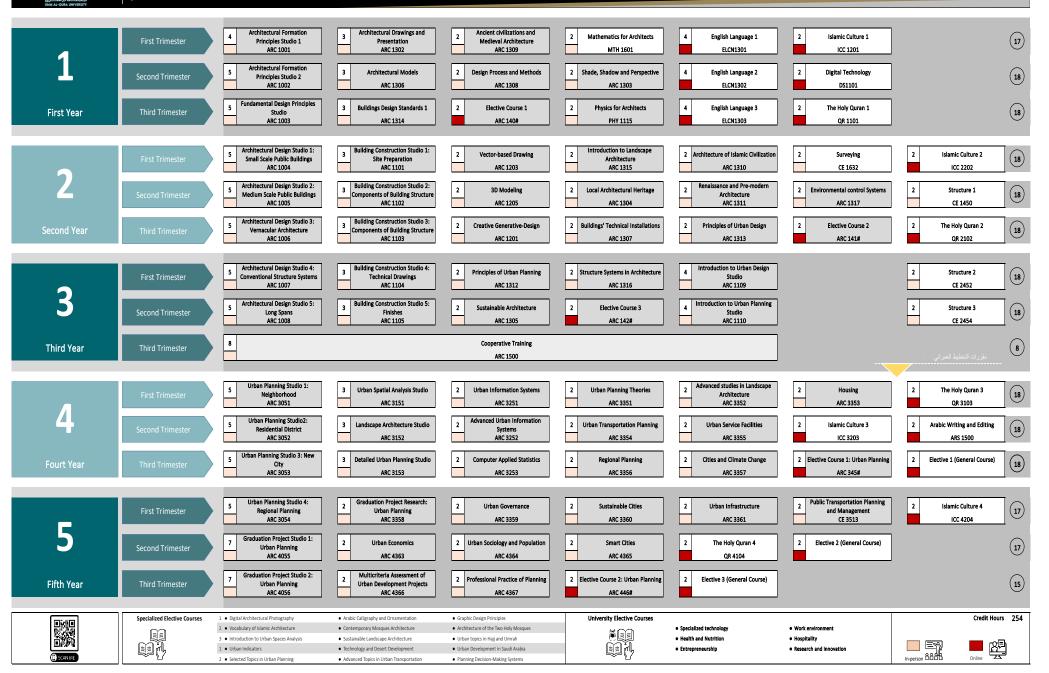
The track addresses important courses that include topics such as urban development, housing planning, urban growth, transportation, infrastructure, environmental protection, and the provision of community services, among others.

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Architecture and Planning Program- Urban Planning



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Graduates can look forward to the following roles:

- Urban Planner
- Urban/City Facilities Planning Engineer
- Principal City Planner

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