The Wits School of Architecture & Planning is engaged with the challenges of design and development in the dynamic African city of Johannesburg and beyond. The School's core activity is the provision of an excellent learning environment towards degrees in architecture, planning, housing, urban design and urban studies.

OUR INTELLECTUAL PROJECT AND VALUE
The intellectual project of the School is to stimulate and deepen knowledge, creativity and discussion concerning architecture, planning and urbanism of Johannesburg, its region and cities more widely. The key values of the School lie in ethical professionalism and in the promotion of social equity.

OUR LINKS TO PRACTICE
The School supports the quality of its degrees through engagement in research, applied project work and professional work in these fields. The relevance of the skills/competencies of the degrees offered in the School is reinforced through field trips, guest-lecturer presentations by leaders in the professions and industry/government, real-context-based projects and assignments, amongst other strategies.

OUR INVOLVEMENT IN RESEARCH ENTITIES
Students in the School are involved in undertaking projects centred on specific areas in the city. This has included projects and community engagement in Yeoville and Rosettenville. The School also has a strong relationship with the Gauteng Global City Region Observatory, the City of Johannesburg and with NGOs and professional bodies in the field.

The staff of the School are actively involved in research, including through its Centre for Urbanism & Built Environment Studies (CUBES). It is home to a National Research Foundation Chair focusing on spatial analysis and city planning. The School runs weekly school talks and city seminars on topics of relevance to the field. The School also participates in the newly established Wits Cities Institute and in the Global Change and Sustainability Institute at Wits.

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK DEGREES IN THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING
In addition to its professionally accredited programmes in Architecture and Urban & Regional Planning, and its research degrees (masters by research and PhD) the School of Architecture & Planning offers the following postgraduate degrees. These all consist of half coursework and half research.

PG DIPLOMA IN PLANNING
1 year full-time or 2 years part-time (no block release)

The Postgraduate Diploma in Planning is aimed at people who come from a non-planning background, but are interested in the field of planning. It gives students a strong foundation for careers in a wide variety of organisations involved in planning and development. It also provides a route to the Master of Science in Development Planning (MSc DP) degree, which confers a professional planning qualification.

Minimum admission requirements:
- A recognised undergraduate degree in a cognate field (e.g. geography, architecture, engineering, politics, economics)
- A B Tech in Urban and Regional Planning
- Students should have attained an average of 65% or more in the final year of their previous degree

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING – PROFESSIONAL (MSc DP)
1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

The Master of Science in Development Planning (MSc DP) is a one year planning degree accredited by the South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN). The degree is designed to enable students holding the PG Diploma in Planning or equivalent to qualify as professional planners. Students with an Honours degree or equivalent from an accredited urban and regional planning programme may also undertake the degree.

This degree provides students with the practical and theoretical knowledge required by professional planners working within a complex and changing world.

Minimum admission requirements:
- A Bachelor of Science Honours in City/Town/Urban and Regional Planning (BSc Hons URUP) with an average of at least 60%; or
- The Postgraduate Diploma in Planning (PG Dip) with an average of at least 60%.

MASTER OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING (MBE HOUSING)
1 year full-time or 2 years part-time (block release)

MBE (Housing) is an interdisciplinary route into housing specialization. The degree provides an international perspective on housing theory and policy, housing rights, housing finance and informal settlement upgrading, and uses South Africa and the city of Johannesburg as a laboratory of complex housing challenges and innovative solutions.

The degree covers cross-cutting issues such as poverty, informality, sustainability and climate change, as well as technical and managerial challenges as might be experienced in local government, housing institutions, development agencies or the non-governmental sector.

Minimum admission requirements:
- Honours degree or equivalent in any field but with minimum 65% average in final year. We also consider differently qualified applicants who have a relevant level of work experience in housing.

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