

overview

Sushant School of Art and Architecture (SSAA) was established in 1989 by Chiranjiv Charitable Trust, a premier voluntary organization devoted to the cause of education. In the last 25 years, SSAA has established itself as one of the top three architectural institutes in the Indian subcontinent (as per the EUMD India List of Top Architectural Institutes in India by the British Council). The M.Arch in Urban Design Programme was started in 2014 at SSAA as an extension of the existing B.Arch Programme. The M.Arch programme is recognized by the Council of Architecture (COA).

programme structure

The 1st semester studio engages the students with the local city, exploring a range of contemporary neighbourhood conditions. The 2nd semester studio engages them in a critical analysis of green field urbanism; & the 3rd semester moves from the city context to other world contexts. The sequencing of the studios is intended to build the linguistic substructure that is essential to Urban Design thought and practice & leads to a thesis in the 4th semester. The sequence of seminars and all three semesters together help individual designers develop an understanding of our cities and Urban Design tools.

faculty

Most faculty members are urban designers with affiliations and memberships from professional bodies India and abroad. The Visiting faculty includes leading professionals and academicians in a variety of specialised fields. The department also collaborates with practicing Urban Designers through workshops and site visits to add practical approach to studio work. This multi-disciplinary exposure is one of the main reasons that the M. Arch students have an overall understanding of the profession, well rounded and ready to join the profession.



school achievements

A workshop with urbanist Henrik Valeur on 'Urban transition in India', was held providing students a hands on experience to work on an urban site and to put together a documentary at the end of the workshop.

lectures conducted in the past:

- Mukul Arora (DADA Architects): 'Urban Design Projects in India & USA'
- Nishant Lall (Nila): Project 'River Front Development Projects & Current Practice'
- Sanjay Prakash: his ideology & way forward in planning.
- Tanaji Chakraborty: 'Real Estate & Economics in India'
- Architect Didi Contractor: 'Vernacular Architecture & Planning'
- Nidhi Verma: 'Gender & Public Spaces'
- Ankita Chachra (SSAA alumni): USA projects & student work at Columbia University.

The course is associated with disciplines such as urban ecology, urban geography, urban conservation, urban infrastructure and finance, transport design and landscape design.

the SSAA advantage:

- Global quality education spanning decades
- Trans-disciplinary learning
- Soft skills training for value addition
- Industry-focused contemporary curricula and multiple specializations
- Latest equipment such as Laser cutter and 3D printer
- Excellent library and e-resources
- International collaborations with premium global universities for academic and research activities
- Liberal merit-based scholarships
- Site visits and study tours

programme requirements

Admissions will be granted purely on the basis of merit, for which the following criteria is applicable

Elibility criteria :	weightage
Graduation (B. Arch)	60%

A student seeking admission to Masters of Architecture Programme must have secured minimum 50% marks in aggregate in Bachelor of Architecture degree course recognized by the Council of Architecture.

+ Personal Interview/Portfolio | 40%

- Preferably a Statement of purpose to be submitted with the application.