

Master of Architecture (M.Arch) in Urban Design

Admissions 2025

(Approved by Council of Architecture, New Delhi and Affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, Karnataka)

About the Program: Indian cities are undergoing rapid growth and transformation, posing new challenges and opportunities for urbanists in reading and theorizing the city. We at RVCA are constantly seeking new approaches to engage with the discipline of Urban Design. The classrooms and studios provide vibrant discursive spaces for faculty and students to debate and manifest varied visions for livable and inclusive Indian cities.

Course Objective:

- Introducing multidimensional aspects of urbanism to facilitate nuanced readings and interpretations of the urban milieu in India.
- Supporting research and instilling academic rigor in the study, critique and design of urban environs.
- Promoting hands-on approach to understanding and engaging with urban issues.
- Mentoring students to become skilled, conscientious and ethical professionals.

Admissions Criteria: Prospective candidates with a Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) or an equivalent degree from a recognized university, with a minimum of 50% in aggregate, are invited to seek admission to the Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) program under the following categories:

- GATE Scholar
- PGETA
- PGETA 2025 entrance Test shall be conducted as a computer based test (CBT) from the allocated center on Sunday(s). The candidates need to indicate their preference for dates city of entrance Test while registering at PGETA portal www.pgeta.in
- The candidate may appear in PG CET (Post Graduate Common Entrance Test), counselling conducted by KEA (Karnataka Examination Authority), the announcement for which is usually done in the month of May/June.
- Management Quota: The candidate must appear PGETA entrance exam.

M.Arch: Urban Design is headed by:

Dr. Rakesh K S, Principal
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Core Faculty:

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Source: PG Studio II, 2021, Chittrakoot: Activity Mapping



Academics: The Urban Design Program draws talented and trained faculty that have worked in reputed institutions across the globe. The program benefits from specialized faculties in varied disciplines like Urban Studies, Urban Planning, Urban Sociology, Landscape, Conservation, Infrastructure Planning and Geographical Information Systems.

Distinguished Jurors :

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