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Faculty of Architecture and Design

2023./2024. and 2024./2025.

academic year

15 December, 2025

MEETING AGENDA

Part 1

15:00–16:00	Overview of the study programs for the previous academic year

Part 2

16:00–16:30	Council's suggestions and recommendations, and discussion with faculty representatives
16:30–17:00	Christmas snacks and drinks

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

2011 — BA program launched

2015 — 1st BA graduation

2017 — MA program launched

2019 — 1st MA graduation

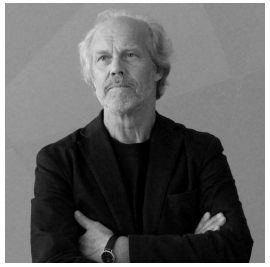
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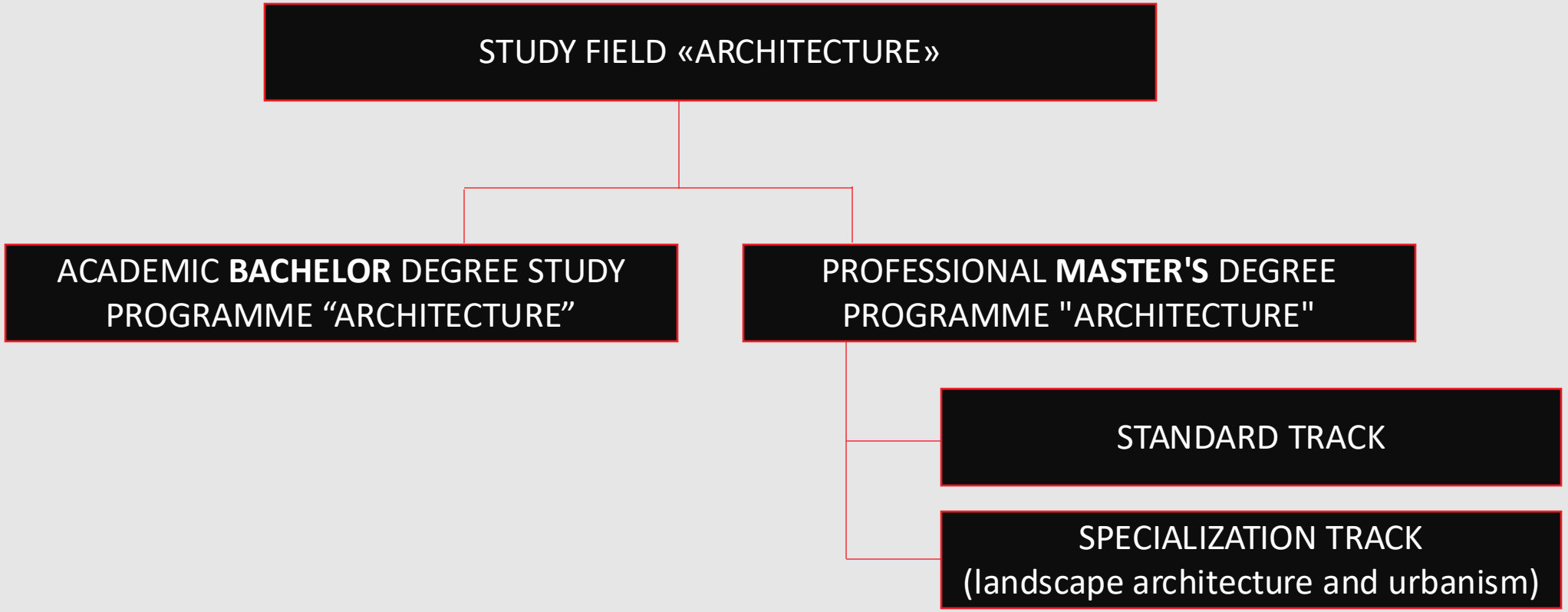
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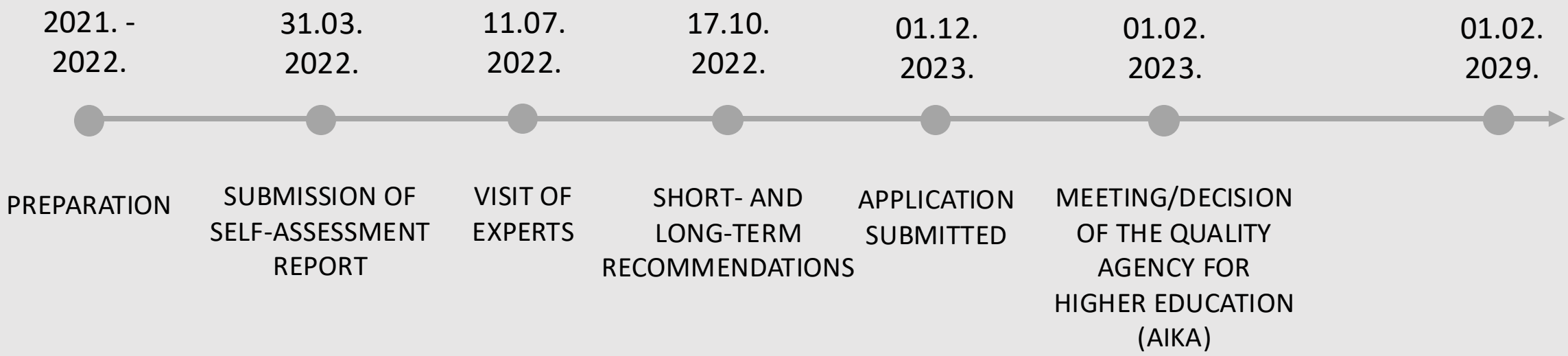
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ACCREDITATION



CURRENT AND PAST DESIGN STUDIO TUTORS & LECTURERS

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INTERNATIONAL GUEST DESIGN TUTORS & LECTURERS

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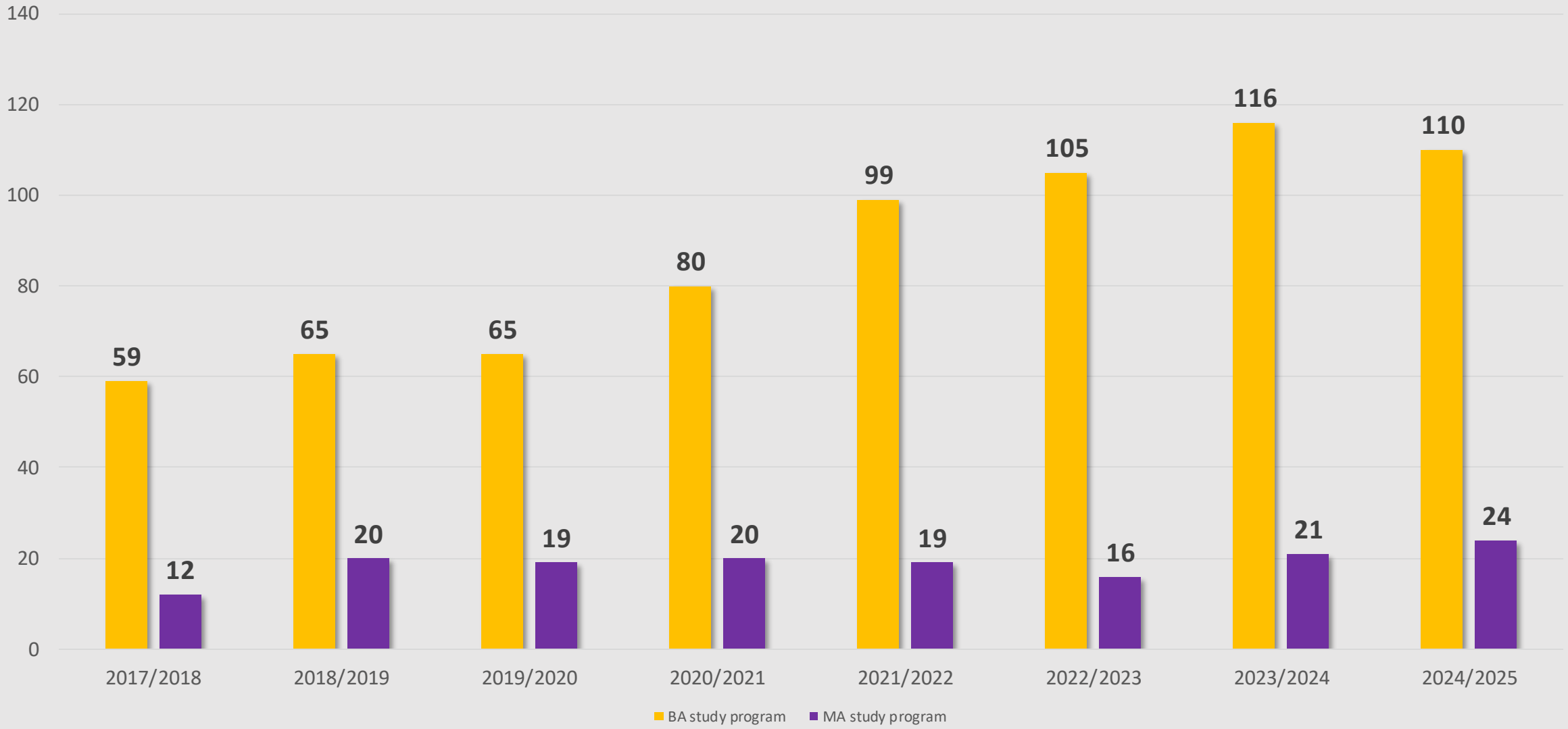



OVERVIEW OF OUR BA & MA ARCHITECTURE DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMS

RISEBA

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

(Active Enrollment, Exchange, and Academic Leave)



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ACADEMIC BACHELOR'S STUDY PROGRAMME «ARCHITECTURE»

BA

Degree
Bachelor of Engineering Sciences of Architecture

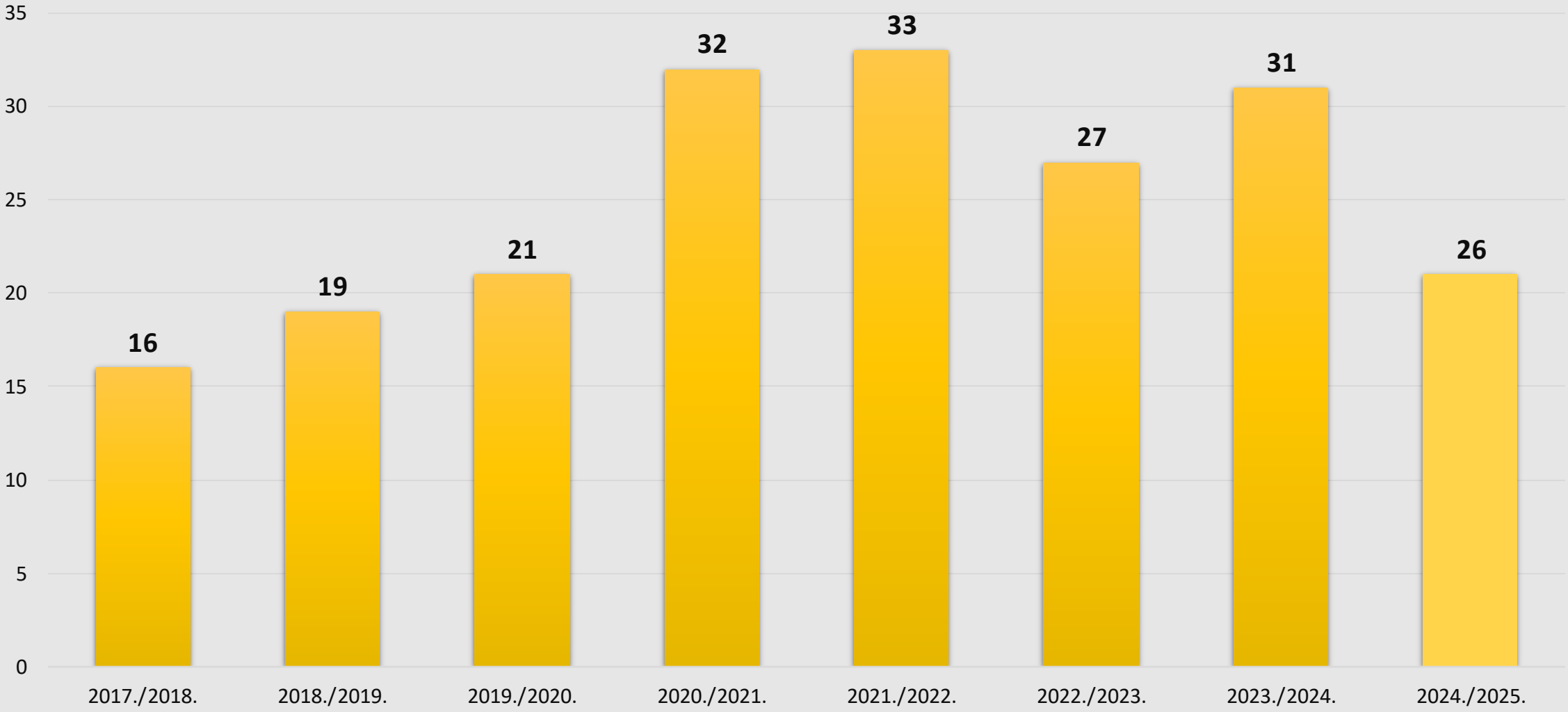
Duration
full time / 3,5 years

ECTS points
210

Language
english

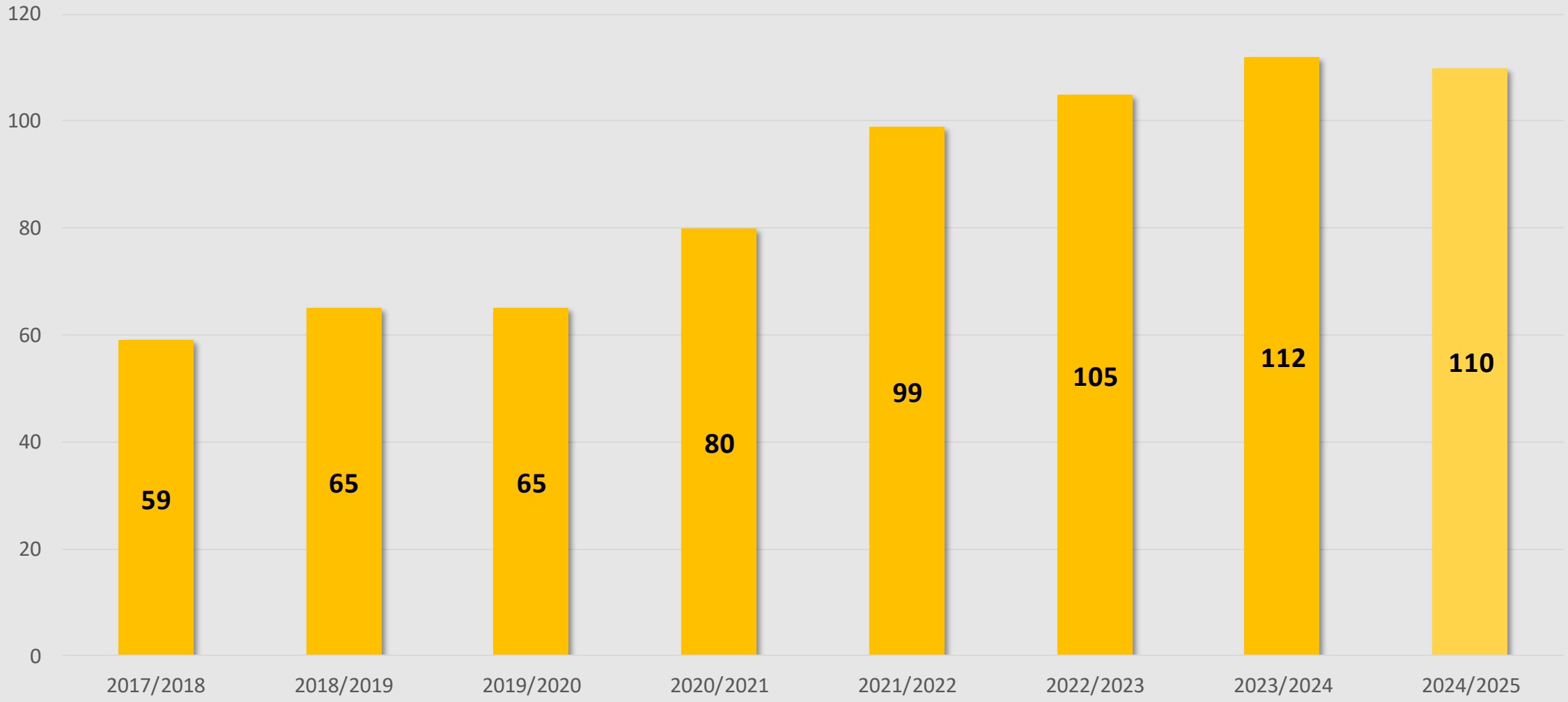
Tuition fee
6400/8000 euros per study year

BA Student Enrolment Numbers



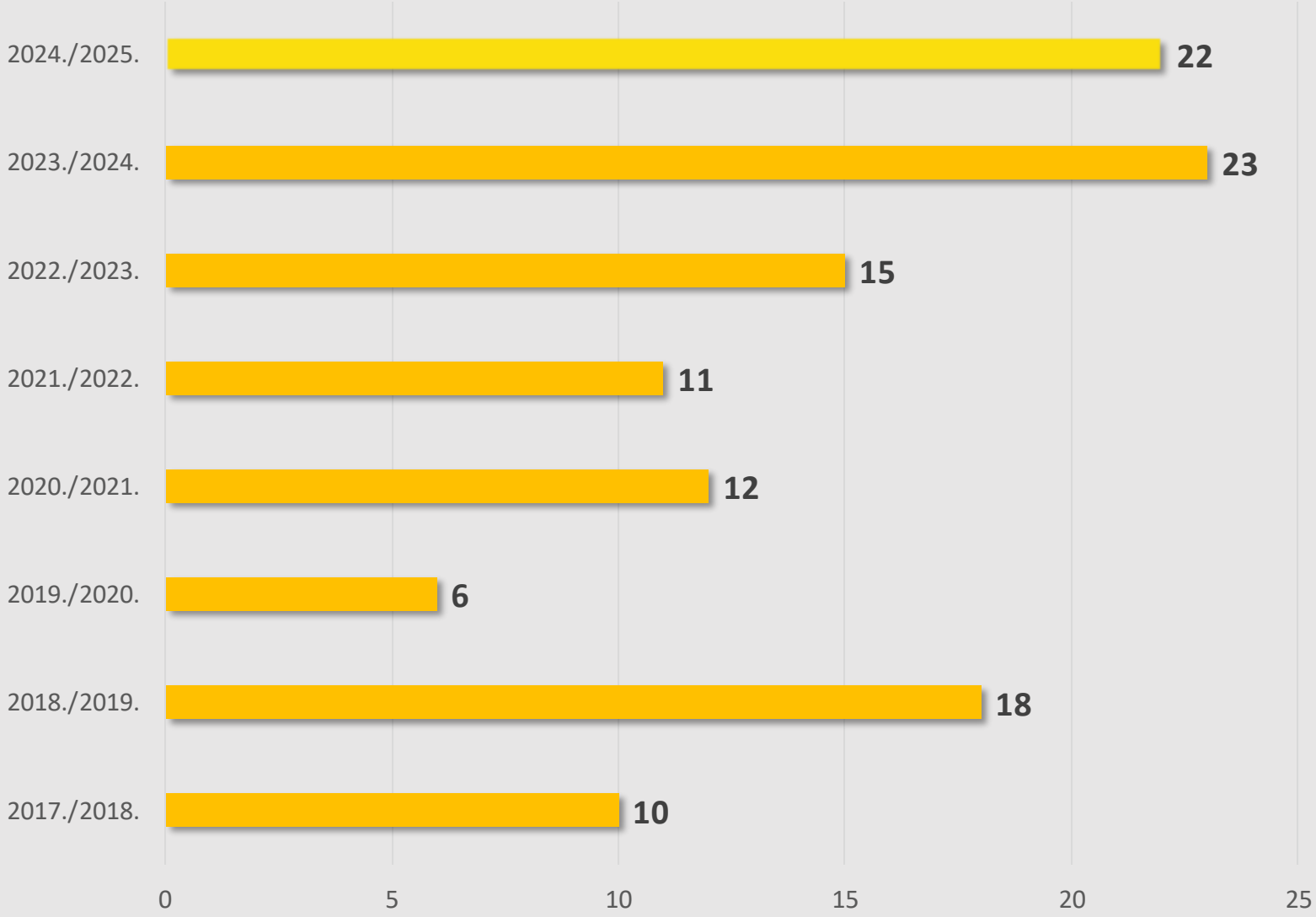
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Number of Students in the BA Programme



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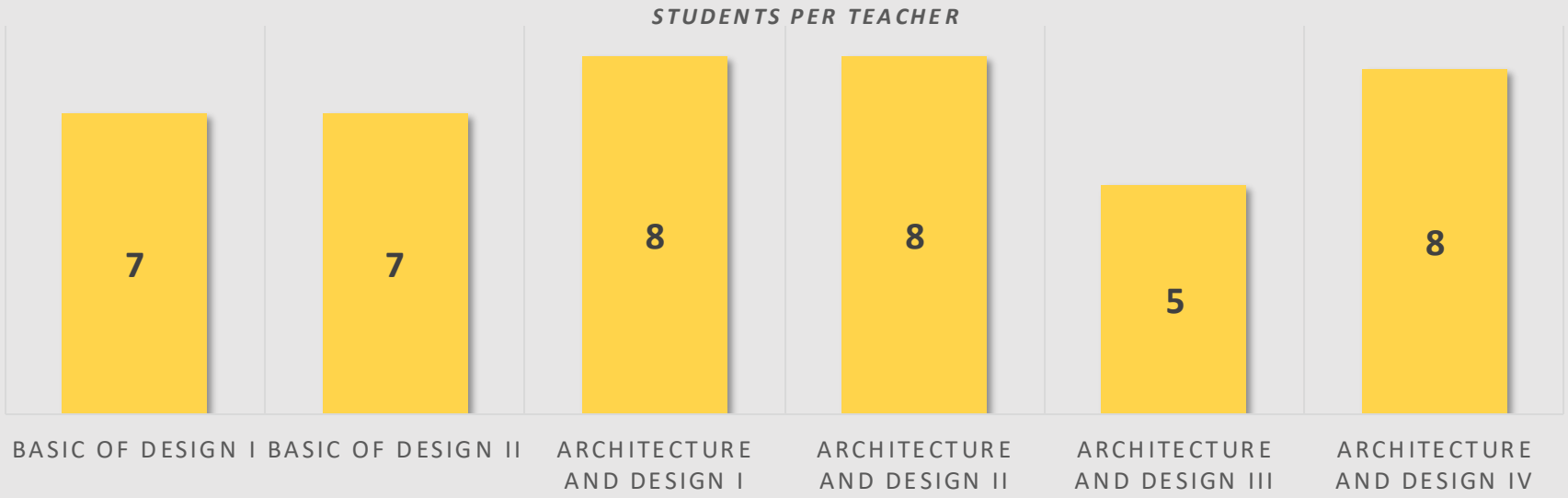
BA Degree Holders



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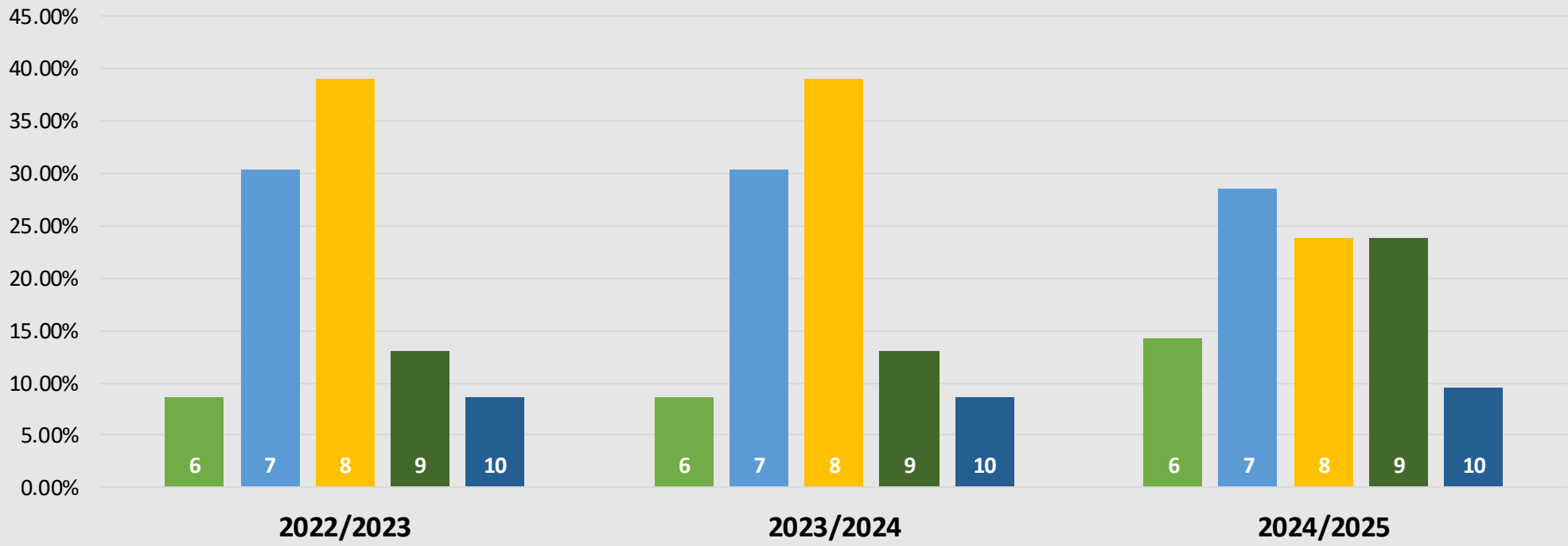
Student–Teacher Ratio

(2024./2025. acad.y.)



STUDY COURSE	STUDY YEAR	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	NUMBER OF TEACHERS	STUDENTS PER TEACHER
Basic Of Design I	1	21	3	7,0
Basic Of Design II	1	21	3	7,0
Architecture and Design I	2	25	3	8,3
Architecture and Design II	2	25	3	8,3
Architecture and Design III	3	16	3	5,3
Architecture and Design IV	3	24	3	8,0

BA Thesis exam grade distribution



Year	2022/2023		2023/2024		2024/2025	
Grade	Diploma projects	%	Diploma projects	%	Diploma projects	%
6	1	6,67%	2	8,70%	3	14,29%
7	3	20 %	7	30,43%	6	28,57%
8	8	53,33%	9	39,13%	5	23,81%
9	1	6,67%	3	13,04%	5	23,81%
10	2	13,33%	2	8,70%	2	9,52%
Total:	15	100%	23	100%	21	100%

Best diploma projects:	*Andrejs Kopils;* *Jekaterina Golubovskaja*	*Juta Linde;* *Alise Liene Meisīte*	*Gatis Hasners; Marta Ventere;* *Katrīna Elizabete Onckule*

Changes in the BA program

2023/2024

New study courses launched:

- Sustainable Architecture and Ecology (A) -
  - *Mārīte Sprudzāne*

(replaces Environmental Psycology)

- Legal Aspects of Architecture (B)
  - *Līga Treija*

(replaces: Basic of Legal Aspects)

- 360 degree visualization for architects (C)
  - *Mārtiņš Mežulis*

(replaces Modern Technologies for architects)

Course lecturer change:

- Atis Kampars *(Fine Arts I/II)*
- Laura Potaša-Stode *(Fine Arts III/IV)*
- Building Technologies and Practices III /Geodesy for Architects *(Ilze Dāle)*
- Rolands Porlejs *(History of Art, Architecture and Urban Design I)*
- Aleksejs Prozuments *(Basics of Work Safety)*

2024/2025

New study courses launched:

- Design Tactics: From Territory to Typology (C)
  - *Reinis Saliņš*

(replaces 360 degree visualization for architects)

- History of Art, Architecture and Urban Design IV (C)
  - *Dace Kalvāne; Rolands Hartmanis*

(Replaces Basics of architectural photography)

Course lecturer change:

- Rolands Hartmanis *(History of Art, Architecture and Urban Design I/II; Architecture of Latvia)*
- Robert Andrew Buckmaster *(English for Architects)*
- Ivars Godmanis *(Economics)*
- Yermek Yessenov *(Computer Media in Architecture)*

PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S STUDY PROGRAMME «ARCHITECTURE»

MA

a) Standard Track
Master Thesis, Architecture Studies , Internship and Business management modules

b) Specialization Track
Includes Standard study track modules with concentrated studies in
Landscape Architecture and Urbanism

Degree
Master of Architecture

Duration
full time (Thu,Fr,Sat) / 2 years

ECTS points
120

Language
english

Tuition fee
6700/8400 euros per study year

Overview of Masters level programme «Standard track»

Core Academic Profile of 5 modules:

1. Master Thesis,;
2. Architetcure studies;
3. Internship,;
4. Business and management,
5. Electives

*Internship now includes Urban design lab option in collaboration with MSA

MA STUDY PROGRAM (standard track)

	1st year (spring semester)		*ECTS*
1	Sustainability principles in architecture and construction	A	6
2	Psychology and Business Approaching the Architecture Marketplace	B	3
3	Theoretical Approaches to Urban planning and Design	B	3
4	Internship in Architecture Governing Body I	B	3
5	Internship – Designing, Research, Creativity I	B	3
6	Principles of Research Methodology	B	3
7*	Management psychology	C	3
7*	Methods of Visualization of Objects	C	3

	1st year (autumn semester)		*ECTS*
8	BIM, Building Information Modelling	A	6
9	Approval of Master Thesis Project	A	3
10	History of Ideas in Architecture	B	3
11	Cultural Heritage in Modern Cityscape	B	3
12	Internship in Design Office I	B	3
13	Internship – Designing, Research, Creativity II	B	9
14	Interdisciplinary and social dialog	B	3

	2nd year (spring semester)		*ECTS*
1	Master Thesis Project Development	A	9
2	Methodology for elaboration of town planning documents: professional and social aspects	B	3
3	Aquatecture and waterfront urban design of Riga in context of Northen European metropolitan cities	B	3
4	Internship in Architecture Governing Body II	B	3
5	Internship - Designing, Research, Creativity III	B	9
6	Methods of Academic writing	B	3
7	Studies of 3D Modelling	C	3

	2nd year (spring semester)		*ECTS*
8	Project Management – National and International Aspects	B	3
9	Enterprise formation and management	B	3
10	The Legal Framework of the Construction and Design Process	A	3
11	Problems of Sustainable Environment	C	3
12	Painting: Space and Colour	C	3
13	Master Thesis	A	21

Overview of Specialization «Landscape architecture and urbanism»

MA_LA+UR

Program Highlights

- Student intake began in Spring 2022/2023
- Specialization built on the foundation of the Standard Track core curriculum
- 5 new lecturers joined the team

Specialization Mission

To cultivate a new generation of urban environment professionals who, through interdisciplinary collaboration, act responsibly and engage as active citizens in addressing the spatial and social challenges of today's world.

MA STUDY PROGRAM (landscape architecture and urbanism)

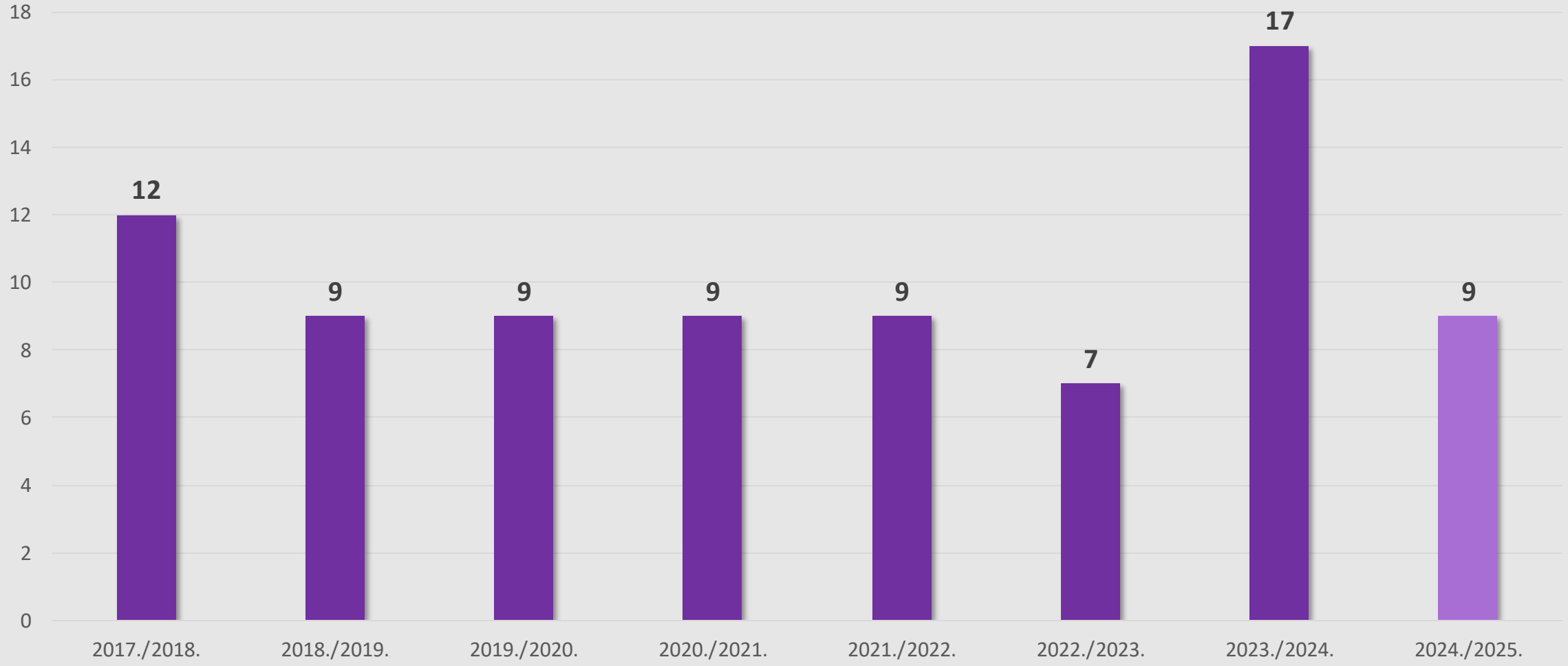
	1st year (spring semester)		*ECTS*
1	Sustainability principles in architecture and construction	A	6
2	Psychology and Business Approaching the Architecture Marketplace	B	3
3	History of ideas and theoretical approaches to landscape architecture	B	3
4	Iinternship in Architecture Governing Body I	B	3
5	Internship – Designing, Research, Creativity I (Lanscape Architecture)	B	3
6	Principles of Research Methodology	B	3
7	Psycology of landscape design	C	3
8	Methods of Visualization of Objects	C	3

	1st year (autumn semester)		*ECTS*
9	BIM, Building Information Modelling	A	6
10	Approval of Master Thesis Project	A	3
11	History of Ideas in Architecture	B	3
12	Landscape heritage in modern urban environment	B	3
13	Internship in Architecture Governing Body II	B	3
14	Internship – Designing, Research, Creativity II (Landscape Architecture)	B	9
15	Interdisciplinary debates on development and culture	B	3

	2nd year (spring semester)		*ECTS*
1	Master Thesis Project Development in Landscape Architecture	A	9
2	Methodology for elaboration of town planning documents: professional and social aspects	B	3
3	Aquatecture and waterfront urban design of Riga in context of Northen European metropolitan cities	B	3
4	Internship in Architecture Governing Body III	B	3
5	Internship - Designing, Research, Creativity III (Landscape Architecture)	B	9
6	Methods of Academic writing	B	3
7	Mobility theory and prectice of urbanism since 1945	C	3

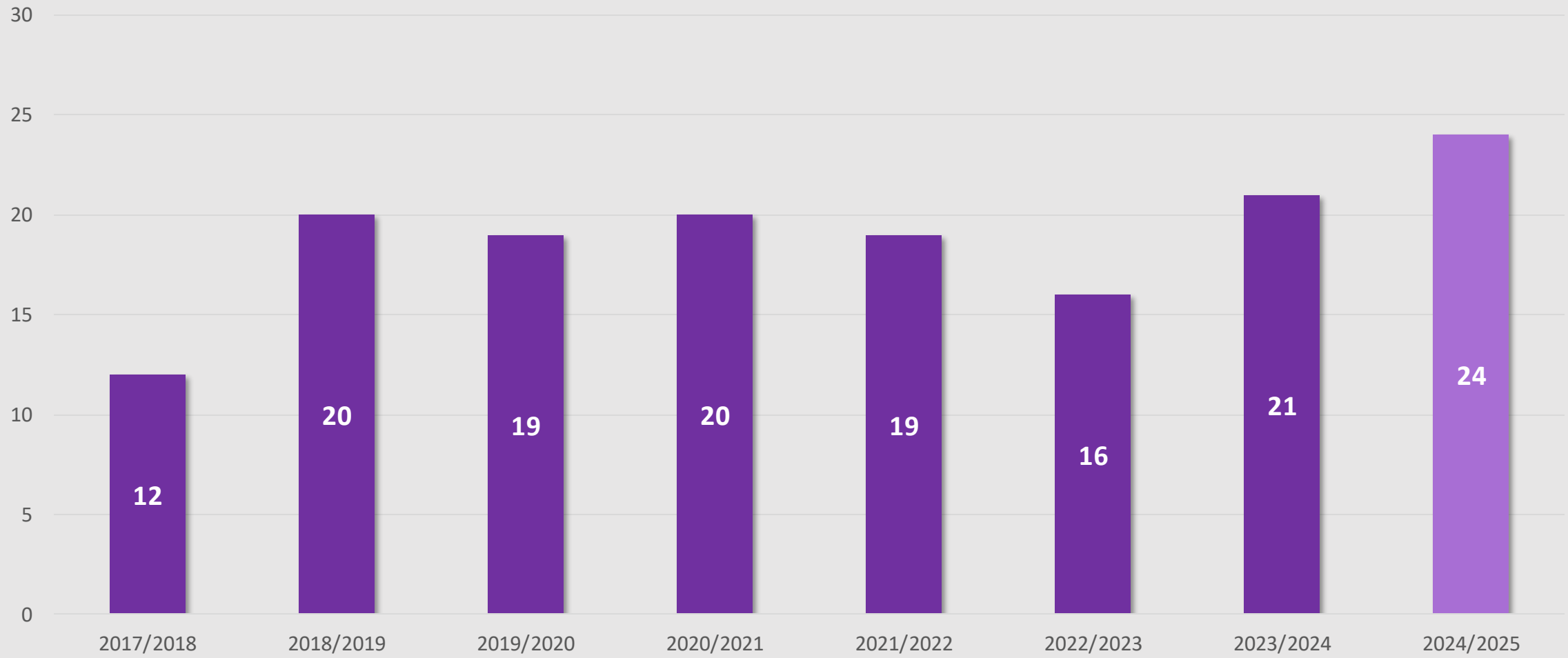
	2nd year (autumn semester)		*ECTS*
8	Project Management – National and International Aspects	B	3
9	Establishment and management of landscape architecture companies	B	3
10	Legal regulation of landscape design and construction	B	3
11	Problems of Sustainable Environment	C	3
12	Painting: Space and Colour	C	3
13	Master Thesis	A	21

MA Student Enrolment Numbers



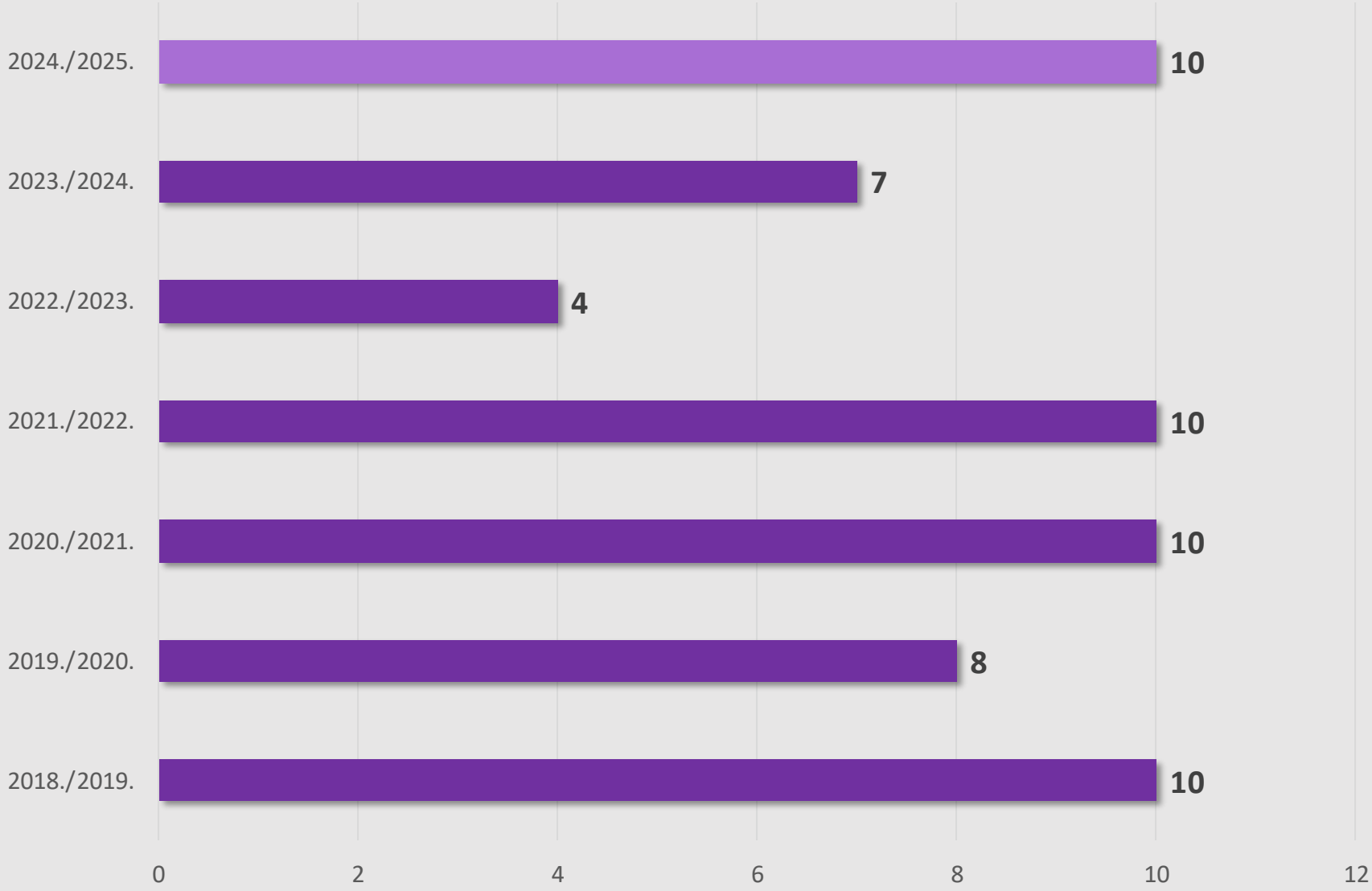
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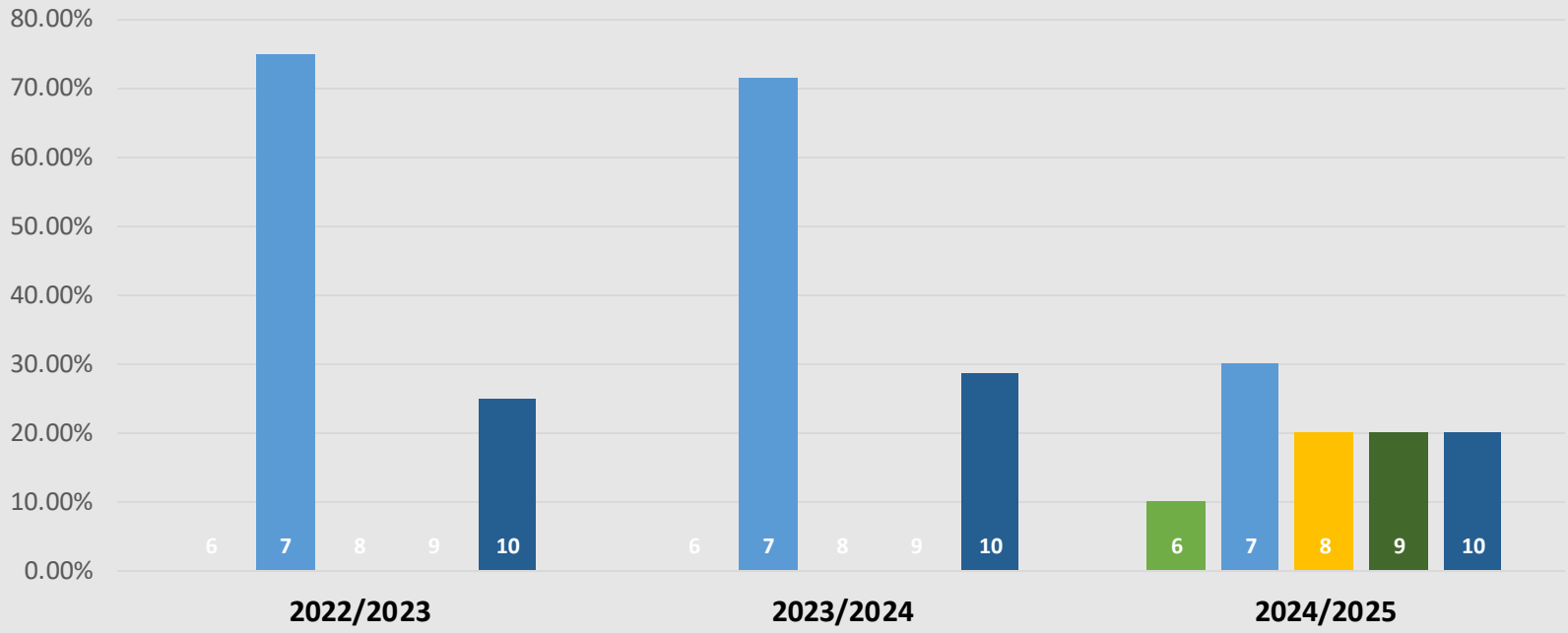
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MA Program Graduates



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MA Thesis exam grade distribution



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6	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	1	10,00%
7	3	75,00%	5	71,43%	3	30,00%
8	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	2	20,00%
9	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	2	20,00%
10	1	25,00%	2	28,57%	2	20,00%
Total:	4	100%	7	100%	10	100%

Best diploma projects:	*Lūcija Marija Turka-Kampāne*	*Katrīna Krastiņa* *Linda Tinusa*	*Baiba Riekstiņa* *Reinis Saliņš*

Changes in the MA program

2023/2024

Academic course additions:

- Rudolfs Dainis Šmits *(Master Thesis Project Development)*

2024/2025

New academic courses & lecturers:

- Helēna Gūtmane *(Landscape heritage in modern urban environment)*
- Jonas Büchel *(Interdisciplinary and social dialog)*

MA program competative advantages & opertunities

- The study programs are implemented in English, making them **unique in the Latvian context**.
  → This allows the involvement of international professionals and guest lecturers from various countries.
  → Graduates are better prepared to work internationally, as they acquire professional skills and terminology in English – an advantage compared to Latvian-only programs.

- The Master's program is designed to be **compatible with professional employment**, offering lectures in the evenings and on Saturdays.
  → This flexible structure attracts working professionals and promotes lifelong learning.

- Due to the smaller scale of the study field, students benefit from greater accessibility to **international mobility** – both semester-long Erasmus exchanges and short-term Blended Intensive Programs (BIPs).

- **A lower student-to-staff ratio** enables more individual consultations and detailed feedback, supporting higher quality in the learning process and personal academic development.

STUDY METHODS

STUDY METHODS

SEMESTER PROJECT WORKS













STUDY METHODS

STUDY TRIPS



Lyon, France (24./25.)


Manchester, UK (24./25.)



Venice, Italy (24./25.)

STUDY METHODS

WORKSHOPS



Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy (24./25.)



Kuldīga, Latvia (24./25.)



Riga, Latvia (24./25.)

STUDY METHODS

COLLABORATION PROJECTS

- Manchester School of Architecture in UK (MSA)
  (23./24. and 24./25.)
- Loughborough University in UK
  (23./24. and 24./25.)


MSA in Riga (24./25.)

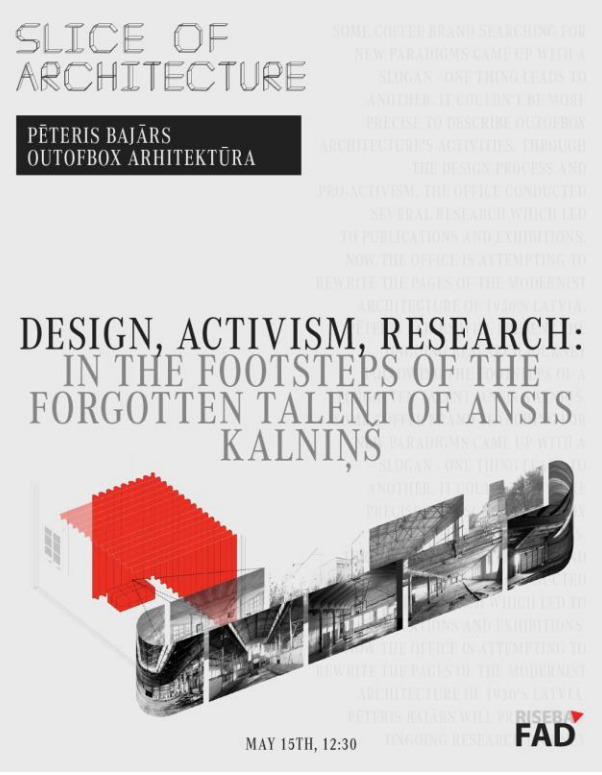

FAD visit to Manchester and MSA, UK (24./25.)


Loughborough University visit, Riga(24./25.)

STUDY METHODS

OPEN LECTURE SERIES











STUDY METHODS

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- FestivaL'and 5.0 (Valmiera, Latvia – 23./24.)
- FestivaL'and 6.0 (Valmiermuiža, Latvia – 24./25.)
- Student Workshop «Tactical Urbanism in Aizpute» (Aizpute, Latvia – 24./25.)
- Summer school in Dagda – building M. Ventere's diploma project (Dagda, Latvia – 24./25.)


FestivaL'and 5.0


Workshop in Aizpute


Summer school in Dagda


FestivaL'and 6.0

STUDY METHODS

INTRODUCTION WEEK

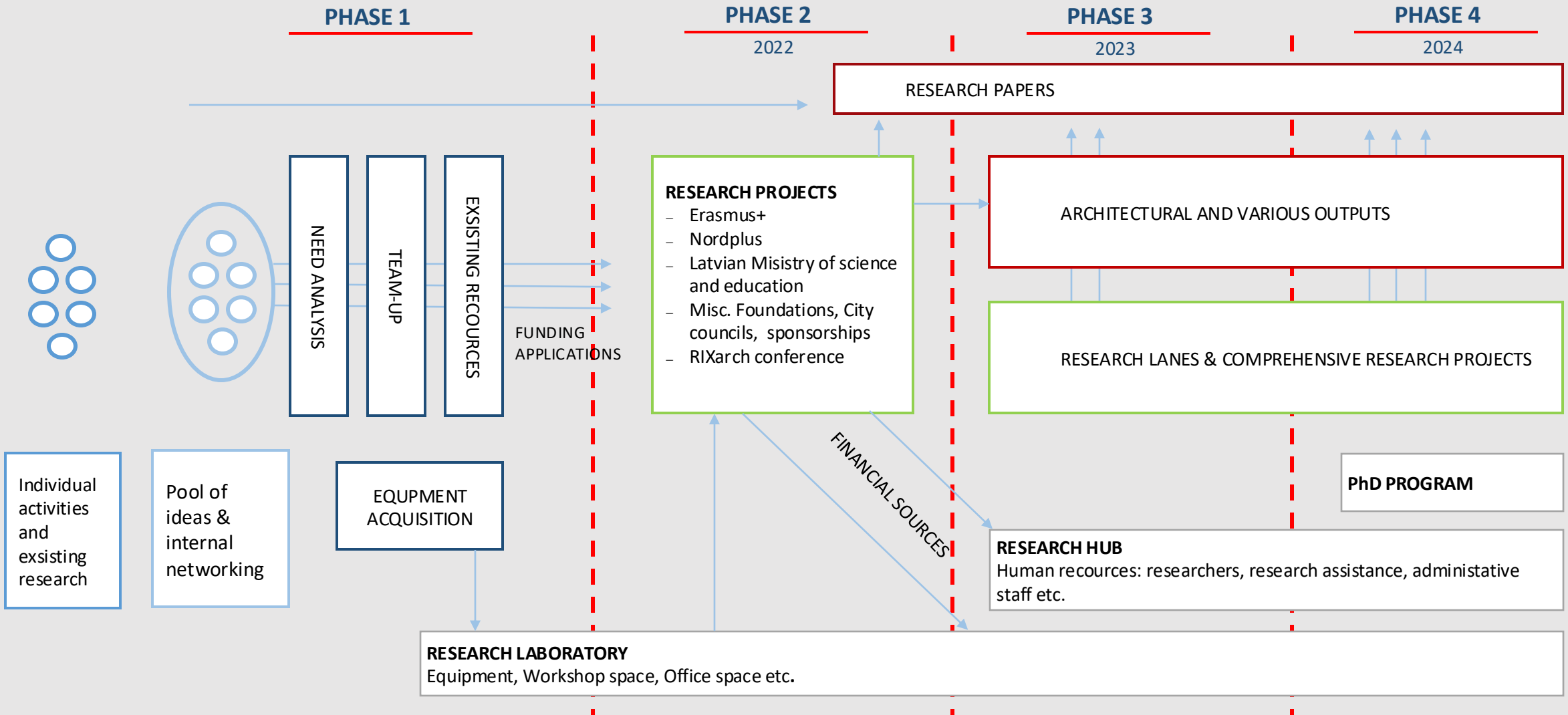






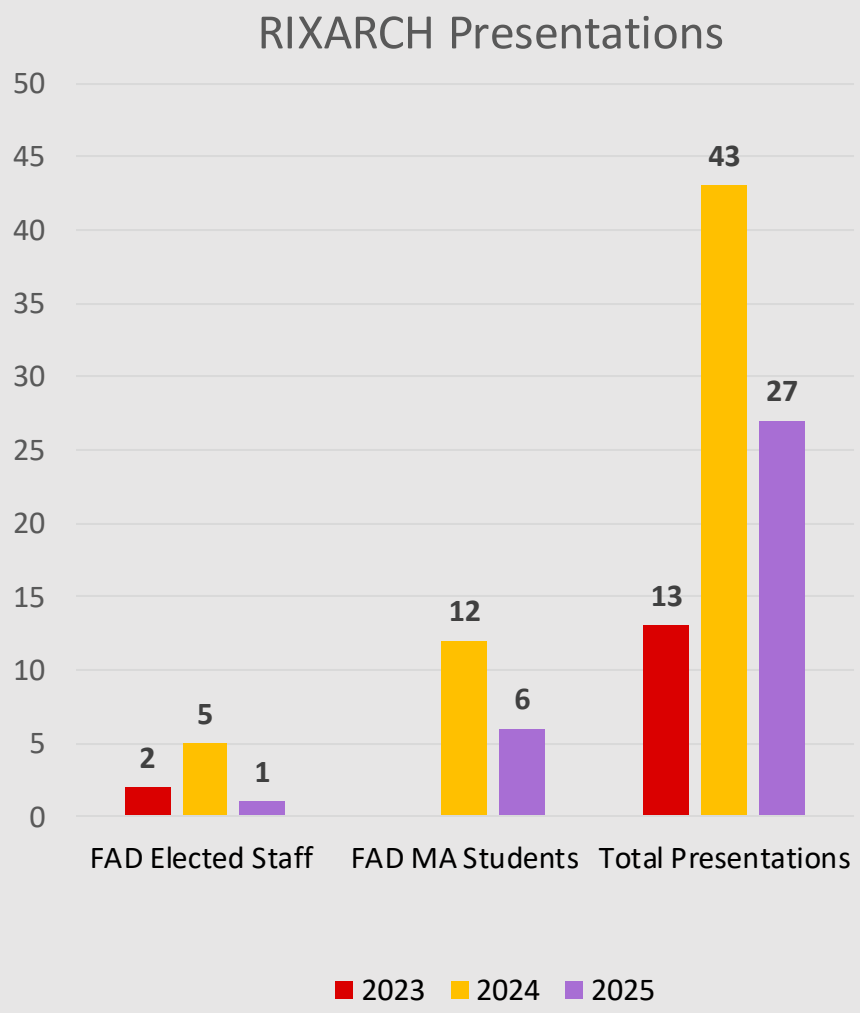
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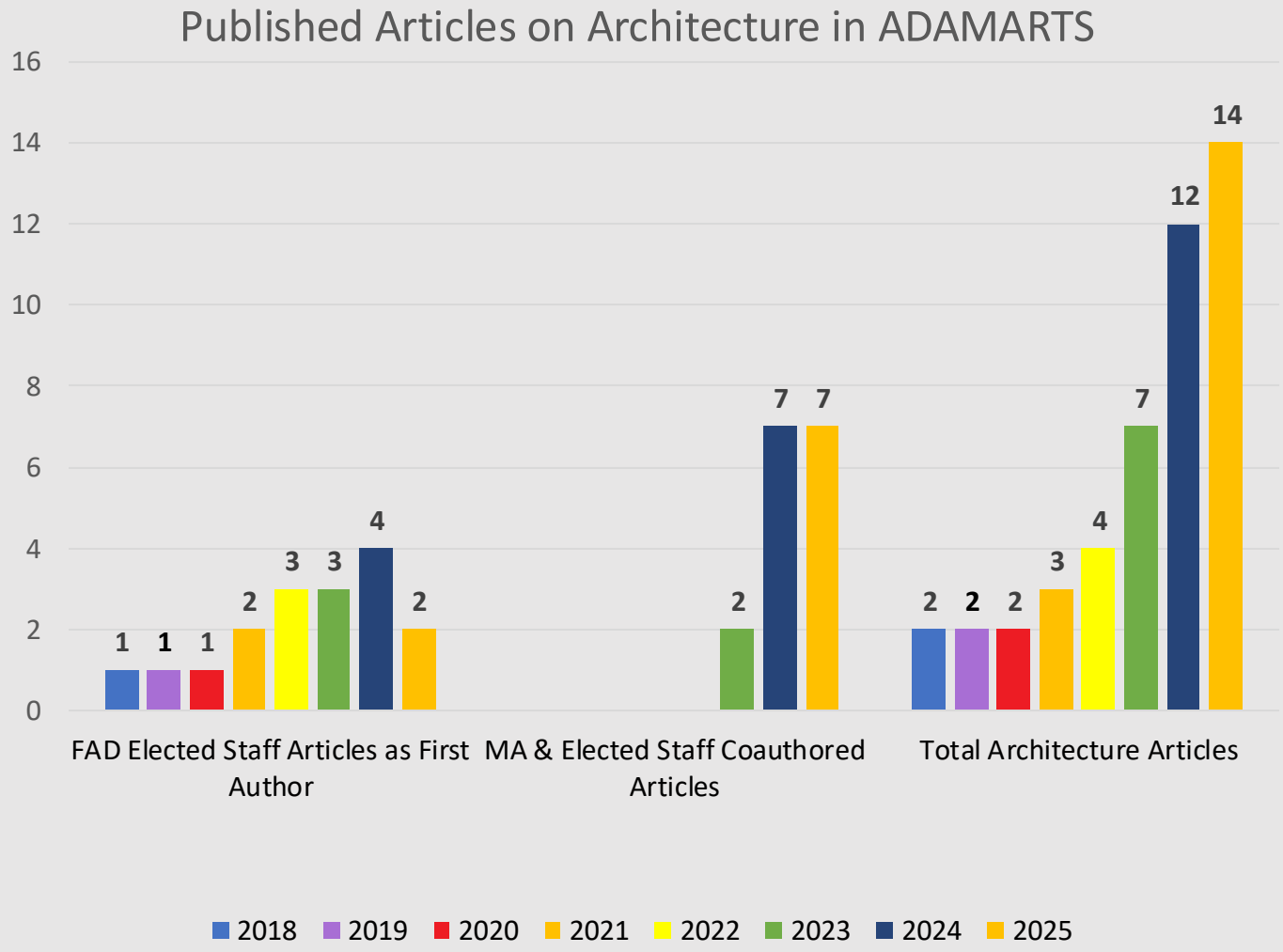
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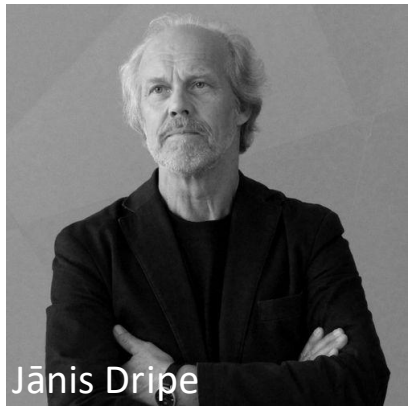
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Contributions to ADAMarts and RIXarch





ELECTED FACULTY





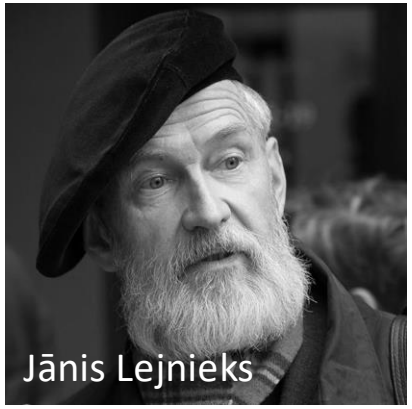






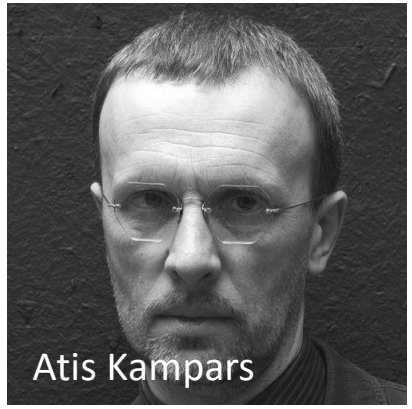














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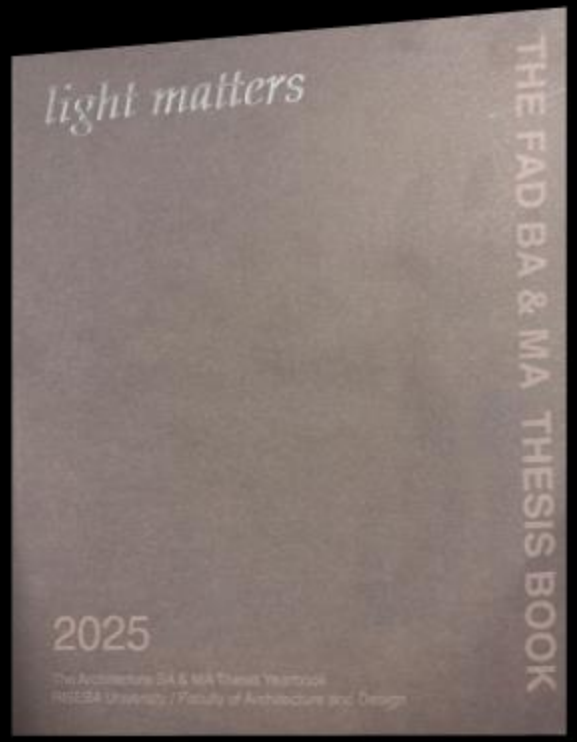
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2023-2024

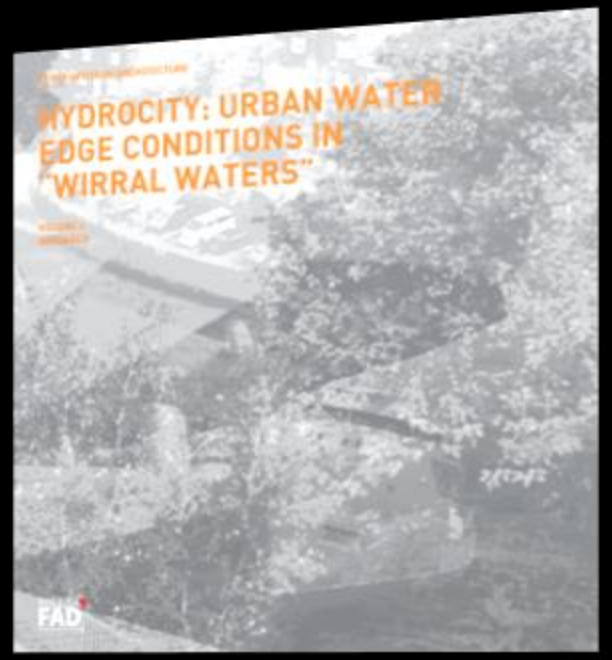


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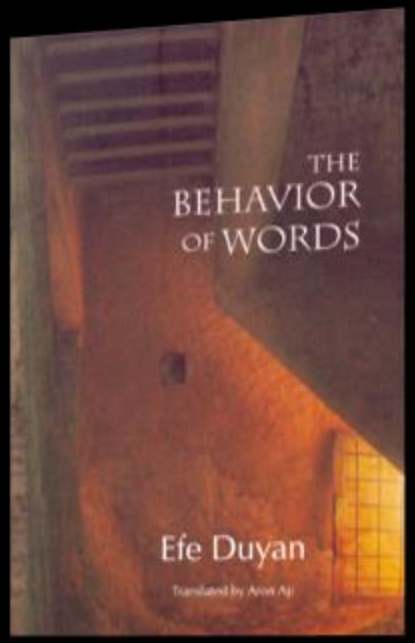






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FAD ACADEMIC STAFF PUBLICATIONS



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(2023)



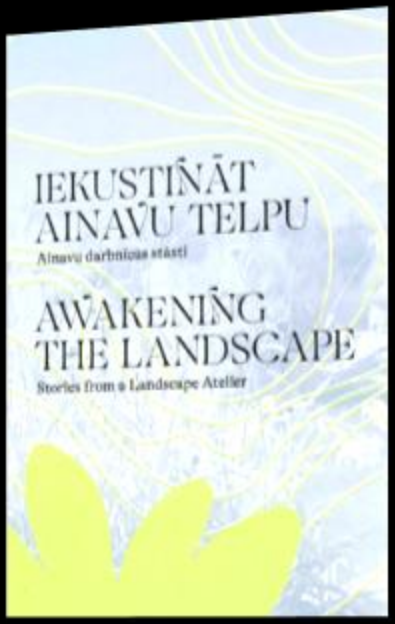
Jānis Dripe
(2023)



Jānis Dripe
(2024)



Jānis Lejnieks
(2025)



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(2025)

CONFERENCES

RIXArch 2023 Conference



RIXArch 2024 Conference











RIXArch 2024
Conference









EXHIBITIONS

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OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION «ASTRA ZARIŅA - ROME AND THE TEACHER»

with a lecture by world-famous architect - Steven Holl

(2023./2024)





EXHIBITIONS

HYDROCITY Exhibition Launch

MSA × RISEBA: investigation of *Kipsala's* waterfront conditions

(2023./2024)







EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition. Second Act: Project Riga.
At the MAD Architecture Space, Elizebetes Street

(2023./2024)





EXHIBITIONS

«BIRKERTS.LIBRARIES.LIGHT»

(2024./2025)







EXHIBITIONS

Student participation in «Design Isle»

(Ralfs Ašaks in 2023./2024. and 2024./2025)









PROJECTS

PROJECTS

FACULTY/STUDENT/INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION
(FINANSING 2023./24)

Urban Design Lab

Workshop in Civita

Architecture student contest

Exhibit «Rome and teacher»

Floating bridge

FestivaL'and 5.0

UZŅĒMĒJI

PROJECTS

FACULTY/STUDENT/INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION
(FINANSING 2024./25.)

Urban Design Lab	RISEBA	MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE	Erasmus+					
Workshop in Civita	RISEBA	THE CIVITA INSTITUTE	Erasmus+					
Architecture student contest	RISEBA	SAINT-GOBAIN	Erasmus+					
Exhibit «Birkerts.Librabries.Light»	RISEBA	LNB LATVIJAS NACIONĀLĀ BIBLIOTĒKA	UZŅĒMĒJI					
Rixarch conference	RISEBA	LNB LATVIJAS NACIONĀLĀ BIBLIOTĒKA	Erasmus+	VELUX				
FestivaL'and 6.0	RISEBA	VALMIERA	VALSTS KULTŪRKAPITĀLA FONDS	1:1 camposaz	LATVIJAS MĀKSLAS AKADĒMIJA	VALMIERMUIŽAS KULTŪRAS BIEDRĪBA		

PROJECTS

FACULTY/STUDENT/INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION
(FINANSING 2024./25.)

Process«Spatiality of the Border» RISEBA VALSTS KULTŪRKAPITĀLA FONDS

DAGDA

DAGDAS ARHITEKTŪRAS MĀKSLAS UN MŪZIKAS FESTIVĀLS

Civita book project RISEBA VALSTS KULTŪRKAPITĀLA FONDS

ACHIEVEMENTS

Baltic Architects Unions Association
BAUA AWARD 2023

MA program graduate
Lūcija Marija Turka-Kampāne
receives recognition





LATVIAN ARCHITECTURE AWARD 2024

laureates with the process project “Astra Zariņa – The Power of Nature”





Baltic Architects Unions Association

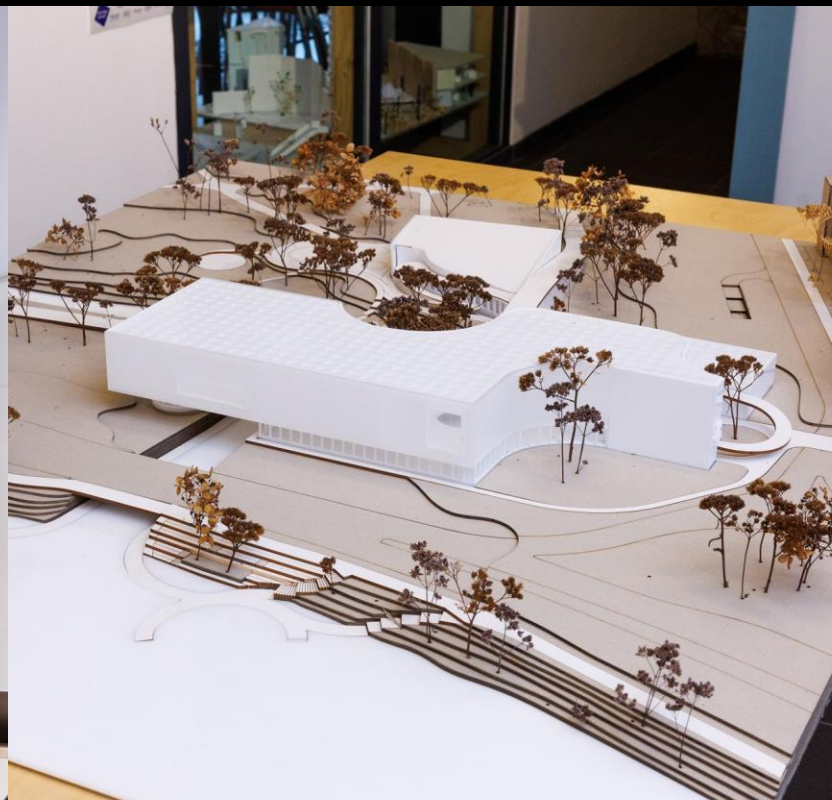
BAUA AWARD 2024

MA program graduate

Linda Tinusa receives recognition







INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONTEST

FAD students ranked among top 10 projects in the world







LATVIAN ARCHITECTURE AWARD 2025

laureates of the process cathegory «Spatiality of the Border»







ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Student participation in

2023./2024.

- RISEBA Hackaton
- BAUA AWARDS 2023 (Kaunas,LT)
- Civita Workshop
- AI Workshop (with Tamim Negm)
- *Slice of Architecture* open lecture series
- RIXarch conference
- *Urban Design Lab* collaboration with MSA
  - Study Trip to Manchester
  - Hosting students from MSA
- Study Trip to Valencia, Spain
- Summer school – FestivaL'and 5.0

2024./2025.

- RISEBA Hackaton
- BAUA AWARDS 2024 (Tallinn, EE)
  - TAB workshop (Tallinn)
- Civita Workshop
- AI Workshop (with Tamim Negm)
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  - Hosting students from Loughborough
- Study Trip to Venice Biennale, Italy
- BIP «Baltic Bioregional»
- Summer school – FestivaL'and 6.0

Summer 2022 – we became members

European Association for Architectural Education
Association Européenne pour l'Enseignement de l'Architecture

- The aim of the association is to promote the quality of architectural education as well as the quality of architecture in Europe. The association provides a forum for obtaining information on various aspects of architectural education and architectural research.

ACCREDITATION

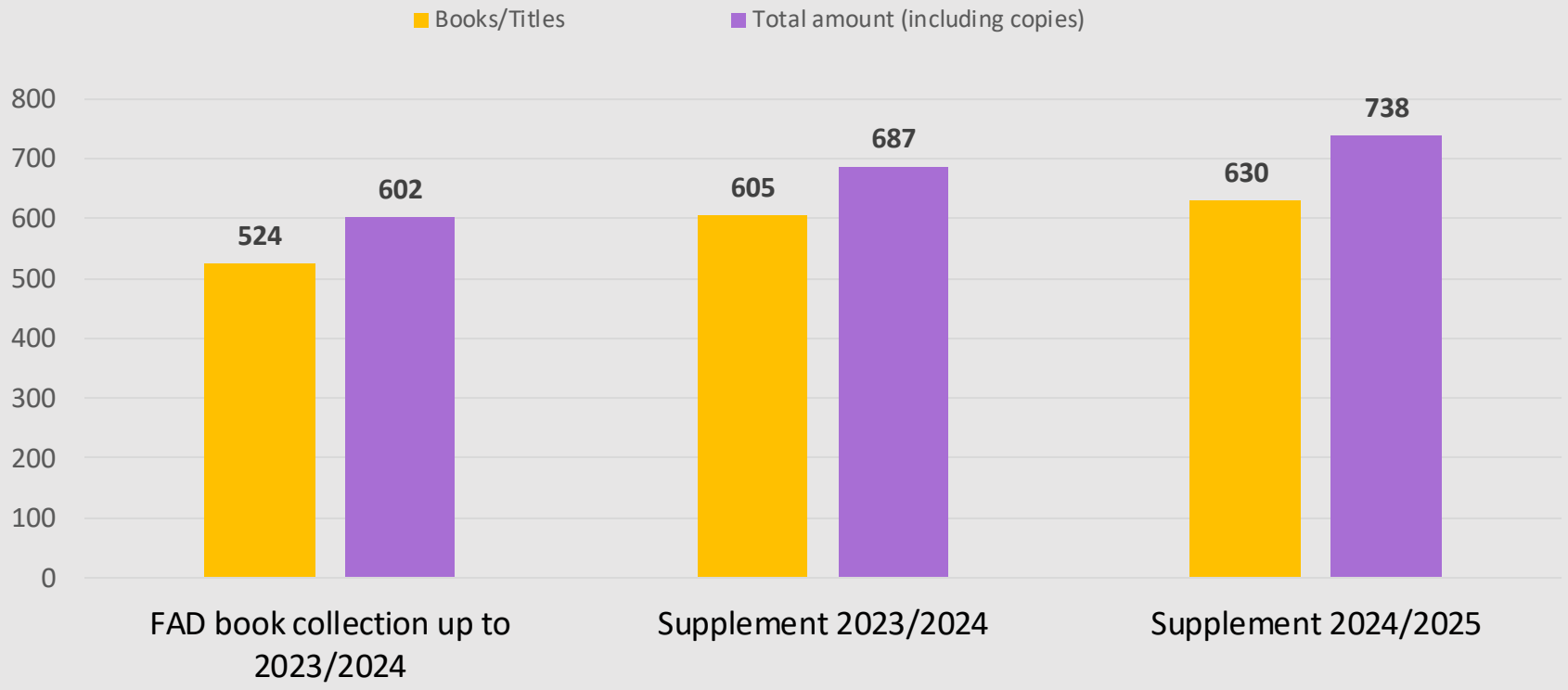
IMPLEPENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
(DIRECTION «ARCHITECTURE»)

1. Increased the number of research cooperation projects between teaching staff and students.
2. Provided adequate material and technical support — personalized and fully equipped workplaces for elected teaching staff.
3. Developed mechanisms to promote outgoing staff mobility and cooperation with foreign universities.
4. Developed a cooperation strategy with partner universities and organizations.
5. The admission regulations of the professional master’s program NT0002-34 have been amended (only to admit student with BA in architecture, no technology or construction management graduates).
6. Amended regulations NL0060-02 by adding a section on recognizing prior study results for admission to the academic bachelor’s program «Architecture».

IMPLEPENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
(DIRECTION «ARCHITECTURE»)

7. Provided an additional workshop for plaster casting and related modeling activities (larger space needed long-term).
8. Increased the number of sector-related books available in the library. (see table in next slide)
9. Improved the content and implementation quality of engineering subjects.
10. Revised regulations NL0060-02 and NL0074 to ensure course content and learning outcomes are assessed and aligned with legislation.
11. Reorganized study course planning to better support the achievement of intended learning outcomes.
12. Updated the internship agreement to specify maximum weekly working hours.
13. Created a new, renovated workspace (Room 403) available to all FAD staff.
14. Identified leading researchers: Jānis Lejnieks, Jānis Dripe, Efe Duyan
15. Elected new teaching staff in 2023: Atis Kampars, Helēna Gūtmane, and Māris Bārdiņš.

Faculty library



Book collection up to 2023/2024		*2023/2024*		*2024/2025*	
Books/titles	Including copies	Books/titles	Including copies	Books/titles	Including copies
524	602	+81	+85	+25	+51
Total:		**605**	687	**630**	738

ACREDITATION

EVALUATION BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOPOLIS - 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Hire a full-time researcher to support the FAD master's program.
2. Provide proposals for the future implementation of the FAD doctoral program.
3. Increase the number of research publications and publish them in official editions.
4. Develop applications based on practical/artistic research.
5. Develop initiatives for current staff to engage in doctoral-level research on a part-time basis and increase salaries for these qualifications.

ACREDITATION

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Work on the development of scientific publications is ongoing;
2. A head of the RISEBA FAD research group has been appointed (2020);
3. A scientific activity plan (Road Map) for FAD has been developed;
4. We have lauched RIXARCH conference program and ongoing;
5. Several applications for conference co-financing have been prepared and submitted.

FAD dirctors and administration team

Current academic year 2025/2026

RISEBA
FAD
Faculty of Architecture and Design









Q & A | Recommendations and needs for for 2025-26

1. Pursue and take next dual degree program with CHU Valencia
2. Consider strategic decision to combine FAD and AVM into one Faculty to facilitate required research criteria, for accreditation and launch doctorate program and additional professors.
3. Develop PhD program in coordiantion with RISEBA Doctoral School.
4. Provide workplace stations for elected Faculty
5. Project manager search – activities and events (part-time)
6. Equipment – purchase laser cutter and small CNC
7. Workshop – larger space to be allocated
8. Archive – find larger approprte room

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THE END