

B.Arch Internship

The Council of Architecture in the advisory issued on 23/04/2020, made it clear that, in the background of national emergency due to outbreak of COVID19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the practical training may be shifted to the last semester or swapped with other semesters.

In order to find the feasibility of shifting the internship to any other semester, KTU has consulted the curriculum committee of B.Arch to suggest a practical solution. The Curriculum Committee had a meeting on 23 /05/2020 and has recommended that Practical training in the 7th semester can be done without swapping it with other semesters. As the University Curriculum insists only for 100 working days for Practical training, which is not very difficult to achieve, even if there is a lag before the commencement of the odd semesters, there is no need for shifting or swapping of it.

Accordingly a Circular was issued to all affiliated colleges conducting B.Arch programme, informing that the Practical training (Internship) for B.Arch students will be conducted in the seventh semester itself.

But after the circular was issued, numerous student requests were received in this office as well as at the Office of the Minister for Higher Education, requesting to review the decision and the internship be postponed to the next semester.

Hence the Curriculum Committee meeting was again convened on 17/07/2020 , and the Curriculum Committee decided to stick on the decision already taken . It was decided not to swap the Curriculum between 7th and 8th semester.

The following are the reasons for such a recommendation

- Since it is not sure how long this situation will last, it is not advisable to shift the internship to the eighth semester.
- Because of the economic slowdown, projects received to all architects will be declining and it will be further difficult to get internships at a later stage.
- Many students have requested not to postpone the internship.
- There are projects available with architects at this stage and shifting it to a later stage will not be feasible.

- All architects agreed to take students through online. At this stage, no architects insists for physical presence
- All other Universities except APJAKTU are having internships next semester, and it will be difficult to get internships to the students if postponed for another 6 months.

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