



**Institute of Technology Sligo**  
**INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA SLIGEACH**

**REPORT OF VALIDATION NON MAJOR PANEL**

Date of Evaluation	9 <sup>TH</sup> June 2021
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Programmes Title(s)	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Architectural Design
Award Title(s):	BA (Hons) in Architectural Design
Programme Code(s)	SG_VARD_H08
NFQ Level	8
ECTS credits	180 credits

**Evaluation Panel Member:**

Name & title	Job title & place of work	Role on panel
Dr Breda McTaggart	Head of Department of Social Sciences	Chairperson
Chris O Malley	VP Research and Innovation	Panel members
Sean Martin	Senior Architect, Sligo County Council, Sligo	Panel member
Dr Aodhmar Cadogan	Assistant Registrar	Secretary

**Declaration Regarding Any Conflicts of Interest:** The members of the Panel signed a form confirming that they did not have any conflict of interest.

**Meeting groups**

**Institute Management. As below**

**Programme development team. As below**

**Persons met by validation panel**

Name & title	Role in Institute	Rationale for presence at validation.
Emmet O Doherty	Head of Department, Yeats Academy of Arts, Design and Architecture	Institute Management
Bernadette O Donohue	Lecturer	Programme Team

Note: In the context of this report, a condition indicates an action or amendment which in the view of the validation panel must be undertaken prior to the commencement of the new (or revised) programme. Conditions are mandatory for Approval of the Programme(s). A recommendation indicates an action or amendment which in the view of the panel should be given serious consideration by the programme development team for implementation.

Validation criteria	Sufficient evidence / Insufficient evidence
<p><b>Rationale for the programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philosophy underpinning the programme e.g. market for programme in the region and its relevance to the region</li> <li>• Graduate profile and employment opportunities for graduates</li> <li>• Rationale for the programme e.g. School's/Institute's strengths/opportunities</li> <li>• Programme Aims and Objectives</li> <li>• Expected intellectual development and Programme learning outcomes</li> <li>• Related existing programmes.</li> </ul>	<p>Sufficient evidence provided. Clear rationale for programme was articulated by the team. This will not be advertised through the CAO.</p>
<p><b>Commendation:</b> None  <b>Condition:</b> None  <b>Recommendation:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>Programme structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery type (semesterised or stage-based)</li> <li>• Proposed mode of delivery (i.e. in-class, on-line, blended, full time and/or part time)</li> <li>• Planned intake numbers (over the full duration of the programme)</li> <li>• Role of placement</li> </ul>	<p>Sufficient evidence provided.</p>
<p><b>Commendation:</b> None  <b>Condition:</b> None  <b>Recommendation 1:</b> The panel notes the typo in the programme title in the Academic Module Manager system and accepted that this will be corrected once the programme goes live. The final programme title should be as stated above.</p>	
<p><b>Resources (over the full duration of the programme)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities and human and material resources available to mount the programme</li> <li>• Clarification of any staffing requirements</li> <li>• Location of the delivery</li> </ul>	<p>No additional resources anticipated as this is positioned as an exit award only.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific s requirements: lecture rooms, laboratories, library, Information technology and other student supports</li> <li>• Confirmation regarding any new facilities and staffing requirements</li> <li>• Special requirements (e.g. remote access for distance learners)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Commendation:</b> None  <b>Condition:</b> None  <b>Recommendation:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>Access, Transfer and Progression Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student admission requirements</li> <li>• Progression criteria from one stage to the next and to higher levels on the NFQ</li> <li>• Non-standard entry (e.g. mature candidates and candidates with experiential learning)</li> <li>• Transfer policy into the programme and onto other programmes</li> </ul>	<p>Sufficient evidence provided. The purpose of this panel was to validate an exit award to provide flexibility for student who do not wish to complete the full 5 year Bachelor of Architecture Programme.</p>
<p><b>Commendation:</b> None  <b>Condition:</b> None  <b>Recommendation:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>Curriculum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A matrix exhibiting the academic pathway and the relationship between modules</li> <li>• The consistency between the programme content, teaching methods and the programme learning outcomes</li> <li>• Balance between the depth and breadth of the programme</li> <li>• Rigour of the academic standard in the final stage of the programme</li> <li>• Student workload</li> <li>• Practice: the role and management of placement or work-based projects.</li> </ul>	<p>Sufficient evidence provided. No changes to the existing modules required.</p>
<p><b>Commendation:</b> None  <b>Condition:</b> None  <b>Recommendation :</b> None</p>	
<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appropriateness of the modes of assessment to be used</li> </ul>	<p>Sufficient evidence provided, current assessments adequate.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The balance between the marks awarded for different assessment modes (e.g. continuous assessment, projects, reports, sit-down examination)</li> <li>• Confirmation that all of the programme learning outcomes are appropriately and adequately assessed within the set of module assessments.</li> </ul>	
<b>Commendation: None</b> <b>Condition: None</b> <b>Recommendation: None</b>	
<b>Staffing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality and specialities of staff available to support the programme</li> <li>• Technical and administrative support</li> <li>• Staff development</li> <li>• Industrial/commercial profile of staff</li> <li>• Research and publications</li> </ul>	No additional staffing required due to the nature of the exit award
<b>Commendation: None</b> <b>Condition: None</b> <b>Recommendation; None</b>	
<b>Programme Administration and Quality Assurance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedure for managing programme</li> <li>• Student support student counselling and tutorial arrangements</li> <li>• Aspects of programme which highlight and foster study skills, independent learning and the inculcation of individual responsibility in students</li> <li>• EU and international aspects if appropriate</li> <li>• Feedback mechanisms e.g. use of surveys, focus groups and follow-up actions.</li> </ul>	The current QA arrangements will cover the requirements for this programme
<b>Commendation: None</b> <b>Condition: None</b> <b>Recommendation: None</b>	

Note: The panel recommended that all student on the Bachelor of Architecture L8 programme be made fully aware of the existence of this exit award and advice around professional pathways through the module ARCT0808051 Professional Studies 1 and BIM.

**Overall decision of the panel**

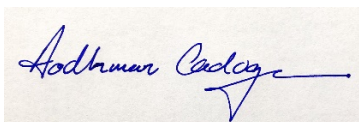
The panel agreed to recommend to the Academic council the approval of the following Major award at level 8, 180 ECTS:

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Architectural Design

Chairperson: Dr Breda McTaggart.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary:

Dr Aodhmar Cadogan

09/ 06/ 2021

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Programme Schedule

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Module Code	Module Title	Stage	Semester	M/E	FT Hours	Credits	FO %	CA %	PF %	EXAM %	PROJ %	PRAC %
DRWG06008	Visual Literacy	Stage 1	Semester 1	Mandatory	4	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT06004	Architectural Design Studio 1	Stage 1	Semester 2	Mandatory	14	25	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT06005	Architectural Technologies & Environment 1	Stage 1	Semester 1	Mandatory	4	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT06006	Theory and Design of Structures 1	Stage 1	Semester 1	Mandatory	2	5	0	0	0	0	100	0
ARCT06009	Architectural Drawing & Communication 1	Stage 1	Semester 2	Mandatory	4	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT06007	Technology Studio 1	Stage 1	Semester 2	Mandatory	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	100
ARCT06008	Architectural Context & Theory I	Stage 1	Semester 2	Mandatory	2	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
HIST06014	Visual and Material Culture 1 (Introduction & Historical Survey)	Stage 1	Semester 1	Mandatory	3	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCH07036	The Archaeology and Architecture of Medieval Ireland 400-1550AD	Stage 2	Semester 3	Mandatory	0	5	0	50	0	50	0	0
ARCT07016	Architecture Technologies and Environment 2	Stage 2	Semester 3	Mandatory	3	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT07030	Architectural Design Studio 2	Stage 2	Year Long	Mandatory	14	25	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT07031	Architectural Drawing and Communication 2	Stage 2	Semester 3	Mandatory	4	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT07032	Architectural Context & Theory 2	Stage 2	Semester 4	Mandatory	2	5	65	35	0	0	0	0
ARCT07033	Architectural Drawing and Communication 3	Stage 2	Semester 4	Mandatory	4	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT07034	Technology Studio 2	Stage 2	Semester 4	Mandatory	4	5	0	0	0	0	100	0

Module Code	Module Title	Stage	Semester	M/E	FT Hours	Credits	FO %	CA %	PF %	EXAM %	PROJ %	PRAC %
ARCT07035	Theory and Design of Structures 2	Stage 2	Semester 4	Mandatory	2	5	0	0	0	0	100	0
ARCT08046	Architectural Design Studio 3	Stage 3	Year Long	Mandatory	12	30	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT08047	Architecture Technologies and Environment 3	Stage 3	Semester 5	Mandatory	5	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT08048	Architecture Context and Theory 3	Stage 3	Semester 5	Mandatory	4	5	65	35	0	0	0	0
ARCT08049	Theory and Design of Structures 3	Stage 3	Semester 6	Mandatory	2	5	0	0	0	0	100	0
ARCT08050	Technology Studio 3	Stage 3	Semester 6	Mandatory	6	5	0	0	0	0	100	0
ARCT08051	Professional Studies 1 and BIM	Stage 3	Semester 6	Mandatory	4	5	0	100	0	0	0	0
ARCT08053	Yeats Academy Creative Interdisciplinary Practice I	Stage 3	Semester 5	Mandatory	4	5	0	100	0	0	0	0