

To: NAAB  
From: David Miller, Chair, UW Department of Architecture  
Re: VTR corrections of fact  
Date: April 23,2014



We want to thank the NAAB Visting Team for a comprehensive and thoughtful report. We would like to note five corrections of fact in the Visiting Team Report:

**1. I.3.A. Causes of Concern: Student diversity**

*According to recent statistical reports, the ethnic and racial diversity of the graduate architecture student body is much less than the diversity reported for the university's graduate programs as a whole.*

**UW response:**

Page 97 of the UW Department of Architecture APR indicates that the 2012-13 M.Arch. student body was only slightly less diverse (in terms of women and US minorities) than aggregated UW graduate programs. Here are the 2012-13 statistics taken from p. 97 of the APR:

**UW M.Arch. 2012-13**

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women - 49%  
minority - 18% (of enrolled US students)  
international - 6%

**UW all grad 2012-13**

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women - 54%  
minority - 21%  
international - 16%

The 2013 UW Annual Report to the NAAB indicates similar proportions in the 2013-14 MArch student body:

**UW M.Arch. 2013-14**

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women - 47%  
minority - 19% (of enrolled US students)  
international - 9%

**2. I.3.C. Causes of Concern: Diversity of project sites**

*Most studio sites are of the same type: dense urban sites in the urban core of Seattle. A broader range of sites would provide students with the opportunity to assess and address different topographies and climates.*

**UW Response:**

Although a majority of studio sites in the M.Arch. program are in urban locations of various densities, 35% were outside of Seattle and 27% were in or near the dense urban core of Seattle. Of the 37 studios offered at the 500-level during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 academic years:

13 are proposed for sites outside of Seattle  
2 are not sited (furniture studio)  
3 are proposed for sites in Seattle parks  
2 are proposed for waterfront sites in Seattle  
7 are proposed for sites in Seattle neighborhoods outside the urban core  
10 are proposed for the urban core of Seattle.

**3. II.1.A.4 Technical Documentation**

*This condition is met in ARCH 503 (Architecture Design Studio III (Sustainability)).*

**UW Response:**

The title for ARCH 503 is: Architectural Design Studio Options (Comprehensive)

**4. II.1.A.9 Historical Traditions and Global Culture**

*This condition is met in ARCH 350 (Architecture of the Ancient World), ARCH 351 (Romanesque, Gothic, and Ren. Arch), and ARCH 352 (History of Modern Architecture). The program offers a wide range of courses in the history and theory of architecture, a number of which cover non-western tradition in depth. Students are required to select and complete one course from the history and theory of architecture course offerings.*

**UW Response:**

Students are required to complete and select **two courses** from the history and theory of architecture course offerings.

**5. II.1.B.9 Structural Systems**

*The condition is Met with Distinction through ARCH 529 (Structural System Design) which gives students an understanding of structural principles. Students complete a schematic design that integrates the structural design with the architecture in a meaningful way.*

**UW Response:**

The course number for Structural System Design is **ARCH 521**