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#### FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, CTU IN PRAGUE

# Examination Issues for the Final State Exam in the Course Block MANAGEMENT of LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Landscape Architecture Master follow-up degree program Guarantee of the Final State Exam – Department of Building Construction 15 124

The condition for the SE is the successful completion of the specified courses:

- Landscape Construction and Management
- Economy of Built Environment
- Law

PRINCIPLE AND EXAM ISSUES

#### PRINCIPLE

The master's final examination should verify the student's ability to approach independently the problem/assignment solved and to introduce the manner of its solution. The state examination differs from the ordinary examinations in particular subjects in its form: this examination does not primarily require a number of partial information and data but, on the contrary, it concentrates on the depth of the theme comprehension and the quality of the creative approach. Therefore, the main essence is not a presentation of encyclopedic knowledge but a debate on the theme. The student presents his own understanding of the theme (cc. 7 min) and consequently answers the complementary questions of the examining board (cc. 7 min). The capability of orientation in the thematical area is assessed as is finding phenomena, information and approaches substantial for the architectural design and depth of knowledge. The source material for preparation for the exam is primarily the content of requisite subjects of the master's study at FA CTU and the relevant literature. Gathering knowledge of relevant themes from other subjects within the study and from individual sources is also required.

#### SOURCE MATERIALS

The source material for the examination is primarily the content of the compulsory subjects within the master study program at FA CTU and the corresponding literature. Supposed is also acquiring knowledge of the themes concerned and of the other subjects within the study program and from individual sources as well. An essential part of the answers will be introducing examples from practice, i.e. possibilities of real utilization of the particular knowledge, i.e. links to both theoretical and practical sources.

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#### EXAM ISSUES



## 01. The role of the landscape architect in the stages of preparation and execution

- Basic orientation in the field of environmental sustainability.
- Planning processes secured by a landscape architect. Individual stages of documentation from study
  preparation, including all relevant elements. Valuation. Life cycle phases for investment actions.

### 02. Business, the process of founding a company

- Market economy, definition in terms of market analysis. Basic economic concepts.
- The role of information. Characteristics of the business object. Founder's budget. Entrepreneurship in the field of landscape architect activities.
- Marketing, marketing tools marketing mix. Funding events, profitability. Business strategy making, Company long-term and short-term goals.

### 03. Planning, preparation and implementation of a landscape project

- Evaluation in terms of time, material resources, financial costs and needs.
- Time planning. Pricing. Item budget. Calculation. Economic feasibility. Technical feasibility.

### 04. Conceptual and operational planning in the field practice of landscape architecture

- Conceptual and operational project tools and their content, design of each type of documentation, interconnection, links to the city's green system.
- Relationship to green ownership relations. Operational tools for planning and executing routine green maintenance (single and periodic maintenance)

### 05. Spatial structure of the whole, spatial structure of the object

- The influence of the spatial subdivision of the whole on the urban layout of the structure; the importance of the spatial subdivision of the unit on the preparation and course of construction, the scheme of the construction process.
- Integration of landscape architecture elements into the temporal and spatial layout of the building.

### 06. Establishment of the company, scope and content of the business plan

- The importance and perspectives of the business plan.
- The basic areas of planning the company's commercial activities and the SWOT analysis of the establishment of the company and the management of future business activities.

### 07. Constitutional system, Building Act and related provisions

- Constitutional system
- Hierarchy of law regulations in the Czech law system: Acts (Acts in a General Position vs. Acts in a Special Position) - Decrees and Government regulations - Technical Standards
- Fields of Law Substantive and Procedural Law Private and Public Law
- Building Act and broader legal context
- Land and urban planning
- Building code as a part of the Building Act
- Administrative procedures according to the Building Act; general and special building authorities
- External/Concerned state authorities in administrative procedures according to the Building Act
- General technical requirements on structures
- Technical standards
- Competencies and duties of professionals according to the Building Act (activities of authorized persons, other persons with regulated activities and activities of authorized inspectors)

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- 08. Architectural education and certification, performance of the architectural profession, heritage preservation
- Charter of Architectural Education
- Academic and professional recognition of education
- Bologna process and European higher education area
- Authorisation Act
- Competencies and duties of chambers (Czech Chamber of Architects, Czech Chamber of Authorised Engineers and Technicians active in Construction)
- Competencies and duties of authorised persons
- Legal conditions of independent performance of the architectural profession
- Contract between an architect and a client (as a private or a business person), design costs
- Responsibility for a design of a building or a structure, author's supervision of the construction
- Heritage preservation (a brief history of the heritage preservation, international charters, conventions and institutions on the heritage protection, Heritage law in the Czech Republic)
- 09. Profession in connection with the care of nature and landscape in the field of landscape architecture
- International conventions (European Landscape Convention, Convention on Biological Diversity etc.).
- Constitutional framework and legal definition of the interest of nature and landscape protection and natural elements of the environment, environmental impact assessment (EIA).
- 10. Practice of profession in connection with the care of cultural wealth, monuments and public health in the field of landscape architecture
- International conventions for the preservation of monuments, constitutional framework and legal definition of the interest in the preservation of monuments and landscape monuments, historic preservation.
- The application of landscape architecture in the context of public health care.

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