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SR-Intro

Instructions

A Special Report is required when a program has been found to have area(s) of noncompliance in the Annual Report. Programs submitting a Special Report will provide a narrative and supporting materials to address the area(s) of noncompliance identified in the Annual Report. Special Reports are due June 30 each year, following the receipt of the Annual Report decision letter in May.

Please provide the following information in the "Narrative" space below:

- 1) Institution Name**
- 2) Program Name**
- 3) Name and email of the individual completing the Special Report, and to whom questions should be directed**

Expectations

Self Ratings

Met

Narrative

The Master of Architecture program at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has reviewed the items identified by the NAAB Board of Directors in response to the 2025 Annual Report. The requested updates relate to public access to accreditation information and student financial information through the program's website.

In response, the program has updated the Master of Architecture program homepage and related accreditation information pages to provide clearer, publicly available links to the NAAB 2020 Conditions and Procedures, to identify the NAAB Conditions in effect at the time of the program's most recent accreditation visit, and to direct current and prospective students to official University resources for tuition, fees, estimated costs, and financial planning tools.

Evidence Attachments

6—Public Information

Instructions

Condition 6 Public Information

The NAAB expects accredited degree programs to provide information to the public about accreditation activities and the relationship between the program and the NAAB, admissions and advising, and career information, as well as accurate public information about accredited and non-accredited architecture programs. The NAAB expects programs to be transparent and accountable in the information provided to students, faculty, and the public. As a result, all NAAB-accredited programs are required to ensure that all of the information described in Condition 6 is posted online and is easily available to the public.

In the "Narrative" space below, respond to the specific Condition 6 area found "Not Met" by providing clear, functioning links indicating where the required information can be found on the institution's website.

See the "Not Met" language noted in the Annual Report Decision Letter for specific details, and include the Decision Letter language in your response.

Expectations

2020 NAAB Conditions for Accreditation

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6.1 Statement on NAAB-Accredited Degrees

All institutions offering a NAAB-accredited degree program or any candidacy program must include the exact language found in the NAAB Conditions for Accreditation, 2020 Edition, Appendix 2, in catalogs and promotional media, including the program's website.

6.2 Access to NAAB Conditions and Procedures

The program must make the following documents available to all students, faculty, and the public, via the program's website:

- a) Conditions for Accreditation, 2020 Edition
- b) Conditions for Accreditation in effect at the time of the last visit (2009 or 2014, depending on the date of the last visit)
- c) Procedures for Accreditation, 2020 Edition
- d) Procedures for Accreditation in effect at the time of the last visit (2012 or 2015,

depending on the date of the last visit)

6.3 Access to Career Development Information

The program must demonstrate that students and graduates have access to career development and placement services that help them develop, evaluate, and implement career, education, and employment plans.

6.4 Public Access to Accreditation Reports and Related Documents

To promote transparency in the process of accreditation in architecture education, the program must make the following documents available to all students, faculty, and the public, via the program's website:

- a) The most recent decision letter from the NAAB
- b) The Architecture Program Report submitted for the last visit
- c) NCARB ARE pass rates

6.5 Admissions and Advising

The program must publicly document all policies and procedures that govern the evaluation of applicants for admission to the accredited program. These procedures must include first-time, first-year students as well as transfers from within and outside the institution. This documentation must include the following:

- a) Application forms and instructions
- b) Admissions requirements; admissions-decisions procedures, including policies and processes for evaluation of transcripts and portfolios (when required); and decisions regarding remediation and advanced standing
- c) Forms and a description of the process for evaluating the content of a non accredited degrees
- d) Requirements and forms for applying for financial aid and scholarships

6.6 Student Financial Information

6.6.1 The program must demonstrate that students have access to current resources and advice for making decisions about financial aid.

6.6.2 The program must demonstrate that students have access to an initial estimate for all tuition, fees, books, general supplies, and specialized materials that may be required during the full course of study for completing the NAAB-accredited degree program.

Self Ratings

Met

Narrative

Condition 6.2 Access to NAAB Conditions and Procedures

We have updated our website to include a link to the NAAB 2020 Conditions and Procedures and to specify that the UL Lafayette M.Arch is accredited under the NAAB 2020 Conditions and Procedures.

This information is linked directly from the [Master of Architecture program homepage \(https://louisiana.edu/architecture/architecture-design-programs/master-architecture\)](https://louisiana.edu/architecture/architecture-design-programs/master-architecture)

On the program homepage, students will find the following statement and link:

The UL Lafayette M.Arch is an NAAB-accredited professional degree.

Learn about accreditation, access [NAAB conditions, and view accreditation reports »](https://louisiana.edu/architecture/about-school-architecture-design/school-architecture-design-accreditation) (<https://louisiana.edu/architecture/about-school-architecture-design/school-architecture-design-accreditation>)

This link directs students to the School of Architecture and Design accreditation page. Where students navigate to the accordion section at the bottom of the page titled “Architecture Accreditation.” There, students will find information about the program’s NAAB accreditation status, access to the NAAB 2020 Conditions and Procedures, and a statement that that , “The 2020 NAAB Conditions for Accreditation were in effect during the last accreditation visit in 2023.”

Condition 6.6: Student Financial Information

Per University of Louisiana at Lafayette policy, we cannot post cost information directly on our program website. Instead, we must link to the official cost information maintained by the Graduate School and the Office of Financial Aid. This ensures that students are directed to the most current information and reduces the risk of errors caused by duplicating or distributing cost information across multiple locations.

We have made specific updates so that cost information is clearly linked from the [Master of Architecture program homepage](https://louisiana.edu/architecture/architecture-design-programs/master-architecture) (<https://louisiana.edu/architecture/architecture-design-programs/master-architecture>)

To view this information, navigate to the accordion section at the bottom of the page titled “Cost.” There, students will find the following:

For a full breakdown of current fees, see the [Current Tuition & Fee Schedules](https://louisiana.edu/studentcashier/tuition-fees/current-tuition-fees/current-graduate-tuition-fees) (<https://louisiana.edu/studentcashier/tuition-fees/current-tuition-fees/current-graduate-tuition-fees>)

Because each student’s financial situation is individual, the Office of Financial Aid provides tools to help students estimate the cost of attendance, including tuition and fees, equipment and supplies, and other expected expenses. Students are directed to the following resources:

[Estimated Costs Worksheets](https://louisiana.edu/financialaid/student-resources/forms-secure-document-upload) (<https://louisiana.edu/financialaid/student-resources/forms-secure-document-upload>)

Students can use this worksheet to estimate their costs for each semester.

[Net Price Calculator](https://louisiana.clearcostcalculator.com/student/-/netpricecalculator/survey) (<https://louisiana.clearcostcalculator.com/student/-/netpricecalculator/survey>)

Students can also use the University's Net Price Calculator to determine the estimated cost of attending UL Lafayette. This tool helps students calculate direct costs, including tuition, fees, food, and housing, as well as indirect costs, including books, course materials, supplies, equipment, and other expenses.

Evidence Attachments