

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNESCO/ UIA VALIDATION COUNCIL FOR ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION
ADOPTED BY THE UIA ASSEMBLY (ISTANBU, JULY 2005)**

Increasing demands for advice and opinion about revisions or modifications in the study programmes, structure, and schedule proposed by different educational institutions are addressed by the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council for Architectural Education and the UIA Architectural Education Commission.

In the interest of promoting increased transportability of Academic and Professional credentials across international borders and raising the performance standards of the profession, the UIA has developed, coordinated and integrated sets of advisory policies and procedures :

- The "*UNESCO/ UIA Charter for Architectural Education*",
- The "*UIA Accord and Guidelines on Recommended International Standards of Professionalism in Architectural Practice*",
- The policy document and guidelines "*UIA and Architectural Education Reflections and Recommendations*", and
- The "*UNESCO/ UIA Validation System for Architectural Education*",

We declare :

That the balanced acquisition of knowledge and capacities needed for a full education of an Architect requires:

- A period of not less than five years of full time studies, with the discipline of architecture as the main subject, in an accredited/ validated/ recognised architectural program in an accredited/ validated/ recognised university or equivalent Institution,
- That it is possible to split of this five-year period into two stages, but the whole five-year period has to be understood and programmed as a process with educational continuity, to conform with the UNESCO-UIA Charter for Architectural Education.
- That in the case where the curriculum system covers two stages, at the successful completion of a first stage lasting less than five years, a non professional first degree/ diploma or certificate can be awarded. This, however, should not entitle the holder to be considered as having completed the educational requirements to become registered, licensed or certified as an architect. In this case, it is important that no confusion be introduced about the holder's qualification by the name, certification or title awarded at the end of the first stage of education.
- That in addition to the five-year study period, at least two years of experience training or internship prior to registration/ licensing/ certification is needed to practice as an architect. At least one of these years must occur after the completion of the study programme.
- That the required knowledge and ability has to be proven by providing adequate evidence, including completion of at least one examination at the end of the practical training internship period. Necessary components of professional practice knowledge and ability that are not subject to an examination have to be proven by other adequate evidence.

Resolved that the UIA Member Sections meeting in Assembly, agree to promote the adoption of these principles in all UIA Member Sections.

