ARCHIP–KSA

Saudi–European Architecture & Urban Design

Inaugural One-Week International Design Intensive

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Academic and Professional Institutions in collaboration with Europe's Architectural Institute in Prague (ARCHIP)

Program Duration: One-Week (05 Academic Days July 27th -July 31st, 2026)
Location: Prague, Czech Republic

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ARCHIP – KSA One-Week International Design Intensive

The **Inaugural One-Week International Design Intensive** is an immersive study abroad program conceived as the foundational phase of a long-term academic collaboration between Saudi Arabia and the Architectural Institute in Prague (ARCHIP).
The program delivers immediate academic and professional value to participating faculty, academics, master's students and young professionals while establishing, testing, and formalizing the academic, institutional, and operational framework for a future six-week international summer school.

The Architectural Institute in Prague (ARCHIP)

The Architectural Institute in Prague (ARCHIP) is a private international school of architecture located in Prague, Czech Republic, established in 2010. ARCHIP is the only school of architecture in Central Europe to offer a complete three-year Bachelor's degree program and a two-year Master's degree program taught entirely in English.

ARCHIP's academic model is based on a vertical studio structure in which students from different academic levels work in parallel on a shared site and program. This model is supported by lectures, seminars, excursions, and workshops. The school's credit system is aligned with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), enabling international academic mobility through programs such as Erasmus.

In addition to its regular academic programs, ARCHIP has organized annual Summer Schools since 2012. Design Disco is another initiative that brings together teenagers interested in design and architecture. The program is organized periodically in cooperation with ARCHIP alumni and current students.

Defining the Need for a Saudi Study Abroad Architecture Course

Saudi Arabia is experiencing rapid demographic and economic growth that will significantly shape the future of its built environment. The population of the Kingdom is projected to increase from approximately 36.5 million today to nearly 48 million by 2050, with long-term projections reaching approximately 70 million by the end of the century.

Economically, Saudi Arabia's GDP per capita is estimated at approximately USD 70,000, with projections suggesting growth to nearly USD 98,000 by 2050. This combination of population growth and economic prosperity will require sustained investment in the planning, design, delivery, and stewardship of the built environment.

Key areas of development include regional, city, and neighborhood planning; integrated live-work-play environments; social infrastructure that supports community well-being;

effective management and operation of built assets; emerging economic sectors; and the protection and conservation of natural and cultural heritage.

ARCHIP – KSA One-Week Goals

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES
By the end of the program, participants will be able to:

• Critically interpret architecture and urban design as social, cultural, and ethical practices.
• Apply observational, reflective, and city-based learning methods to analyze urban environments.
• Evaluate the role of artificial intelligence in architectural education and design processes.
• Translate architectural and pedagogical models across Saudi and European cultural contexts.
• Articulate future-oriented approaches to architecture education aligned with Saudi Vision 2030.

The ARCHIP–KSA program supports the pillars of Saudi Vision 2030 by contributing to a vibrant society, a thriving economy, and an ambitious nation. The program aims to enhance participants' academic and professional development, expose them to global design processes and cultures, foster collaboration with international peers and industry leaders, and support the application of global insights within the Saudi context.

ARCHIP – KSA One-Week Outcomes

Deliver measurable academic and institutional outcomes to participants, including evaluated coursework leading to a course certification.

Establish and test the academic structure and learning model for a future six-week international summer school serving Bachelor and Master students and early-career professionals from Saudi Arabia, with planned expansion to the wider MENA region.

Launch sustained academic collaboration and faculty exchange between Saudi academic institutions, students, and young professionals and the Architectural Institute in Prague (ARCHIP), establishing a foundation for joint studios, visiting faculty engagement, and research-led teaching.

ARCHIP – KSA One-Week Location

Prague, Czech Republic.

ARCHIP – KSA One-Week Schedule

The program is structured as a One-Week summer session held on July 27th – July 31st, 2026.

ARCHIP – KSA One-Week Cost and Funding

€1,350 (One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Euros) for One-Week (Five Academic Days). Self-funded by participants.

The fee includes studio space, workspace, limited stationery, site visits, tour guides, an on-site coordinator, lead instructor support, and all applicable taxes.

The fee excludes visa costs, international flights, personal insurance, accommodation, meals, and optional activities not endorsed by the program.

ARCHIP – KSA One-Week Target Participants

Faculty, academics, master's students and young professionals.

ARCHIP – KSA One-Week Course Outline

ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION
Participants will be evaluated through a qualitative assessment framework appropriate to an intensive international program. Assessment components include active participation in lectures, seminars, workshops, and discussions; contribution to group-based activities; and a final presentation and reflective synthesis delivered during the concluding public session.

The curriculum offers a hybrid learning experience that combines classroom instruction, and expert-led field visits.

Successful completion of all program components will result in the issuance of an official completion certificate.

ARCHIP – KSA One-Week Program Methodology

Week 1: Lectures, seminars, city-based learning, and expert discussions on architecture education

Week 2: Hands-on workshops, collaborative curriculum development, public conference sessions, and synthesis of outcomes

Week 1 — Foundations: Thinking, Seeing, Questioning

Day 1 – Arrival & Orientation and First City Walk

Morning

- Welcome at ARCHIP
- Introduction to Prague as an architectural and cultural context

- Program goals and future vision

Afternoon - City as Classroom

- Guided city walks and mental mapping
- Observation of public life, material culture, everyday use
- Reflection workshop: learning through being-in-the-world

Day 2 –Architecture and Public Care + Craft, Authorship & Identity

Morning:

- Lecture: Architecture as Social Infrastructure
- Case studies: public spaces, schools, cultural centers
- Group discussion: What does “care” mean in built form?

Afternoon:

- Lecture: Craft beyond nostalgia
- Making session: drawing, modeling, prototyping
- Debate: authorship in the age of algorithms

Day 3 – AI & Adaptability

Morning:

- Seminar: AI as infrastructure, not spectacle
- Workshop: defining *what* we want AI to do in architecture education
- Discussion: modernization before automation

Afternoon: Architecture, Art & Cognition

- Lecture: art, perception, and cognition
- Seminar: creativity, empathy, curiosity in design education
- Reflection: architecture as mental and spatial experience

Day 4 – Education Futures Lab

Morning:

- Group work: imagining a future curriculum
- Translating ARCHIP methods to Saudi contexts
- Discussion: cultural specificity vs global models

Afternoon: FREE

Day 5 – Synthesis & Public Dialogue + Conference & Closing

Morning:

- Participant presentations
- Roundtable: redefining architectural excellence today
- Preparing outcomes for publication and future programs

Afternoon:

- Public conference at ARCHIP
- Keynote talks and panel discussions
- Closing reflections & next steps
- Launch of the future 6-Week ARCHIP Summer School

ARCHIP - KSA Faculty and Academic Team

Maysho Prashad AICP, HKIUD, LEED AP

Founder and Chief Programme Coordinator, ARCHIP–KSA

An accredited planner, urban designer, and architectural designer with over 20 years of international experience across the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the United States. His work focuses on large-scale urban development, public infrastructure, and human-centered design in emerging economies.

Maysho has extensive experience in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with a strong understanding of the country's vision, development priorities, and cultural context. He most recently served for five years as Senior Development Manager for THE LINE at NEOM (Saudi Arabia), a 170-kilometer, zero-carbon urban development. He previously coordinated the UN-Habitat Riyadh Urban Lab for the Future Saudi Cities Program and served as an

Associate Vice President at Arcadis / CRTKL Asia in Hong Kong. A graduate of Columbia University in New York and the University of Florida.

Professor Regina Loukotová

Founder and Rector, ARCHIP

Professor Regina Loukotová is the founder and rector of the Architectural Institute in Prague. An architect and academic leader, she has guided ARCHIP since its establishment, shaping its internationally recognized studio-based pedagogy and institutional vision.

She led two workshops between 2011-2022 in Siwa Oasis, Egypt focused on collaboration with local community and on using the rammed earth as a relevant building material. Before that, together with her late husband Martin Roubik (co-founder of renown architectural office Snohetta and co-author of Alexandrian Library), she participated in the following competitions - Egyptian Chamber of Commerce Project - winning but not realized project. And in Grand Egyptian Museum competition – where their project was one of the winning projects, selected in two competition rounds out of more than 1600 projects. Regina also educates students from MENA region at ARCHIP and was a co-author of three temporary exhibitions in Alexandria, Cairo and Asuán.

Professor Ivan Kucina

Education Program Coordinator and Tutor

Professor Kucina is an architect, educator, and researcher whose work focuses on the sustainable transformation of the living environment in support of future wellbeing. He has held senior academic positions as Studio Master at the Dessau Institute of Architecture (DIA), Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, Germany, and as Professor at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Belgrade, Serbia. He has also served as a guest professor at Parsons The New School for Design (New York), KTH School of Architecture (Stockholm), the Vietnamese German University (Ho Chi Minh City), and the German University of Technology (Muscat).

Through extensive cross-cultural teaching experience, Professor Kucina has developed a pedagogical approach attuned to the needs of students from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds, particularly from the MENA region, the Indian Subcontinent, and the Far East. As Education Program Coordinator and Tutor, he oversees the ethical and critical integration of artificial intelligence within the ARCHIP–KSA curriculum.