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Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

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Master of Interior Design

Program Duration: 18 Months

START DATE: JANUARY 2022

Mode of Instruction:

> 75% Online

> Weekend Lectures

> Highly Practical Classes

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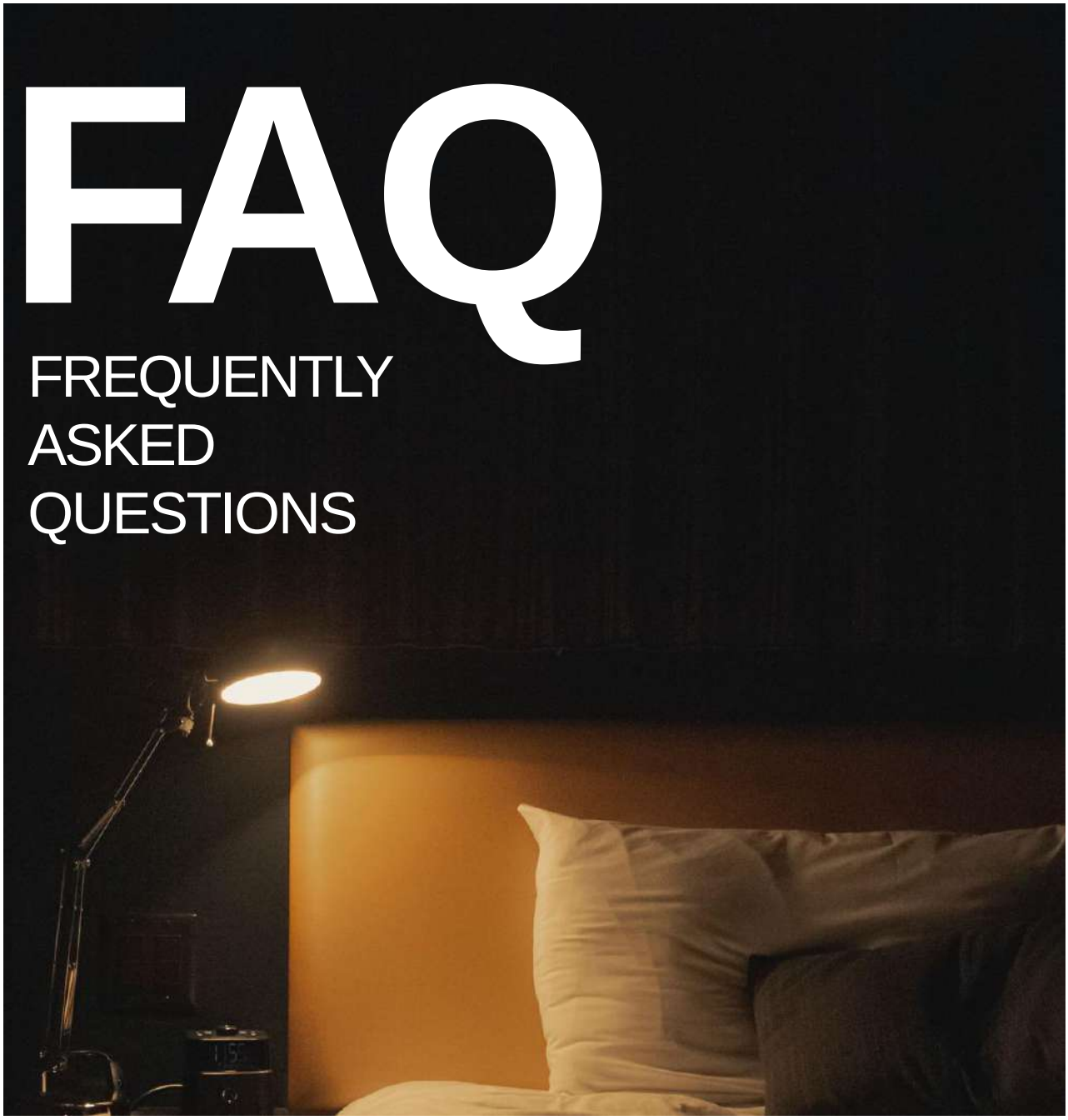

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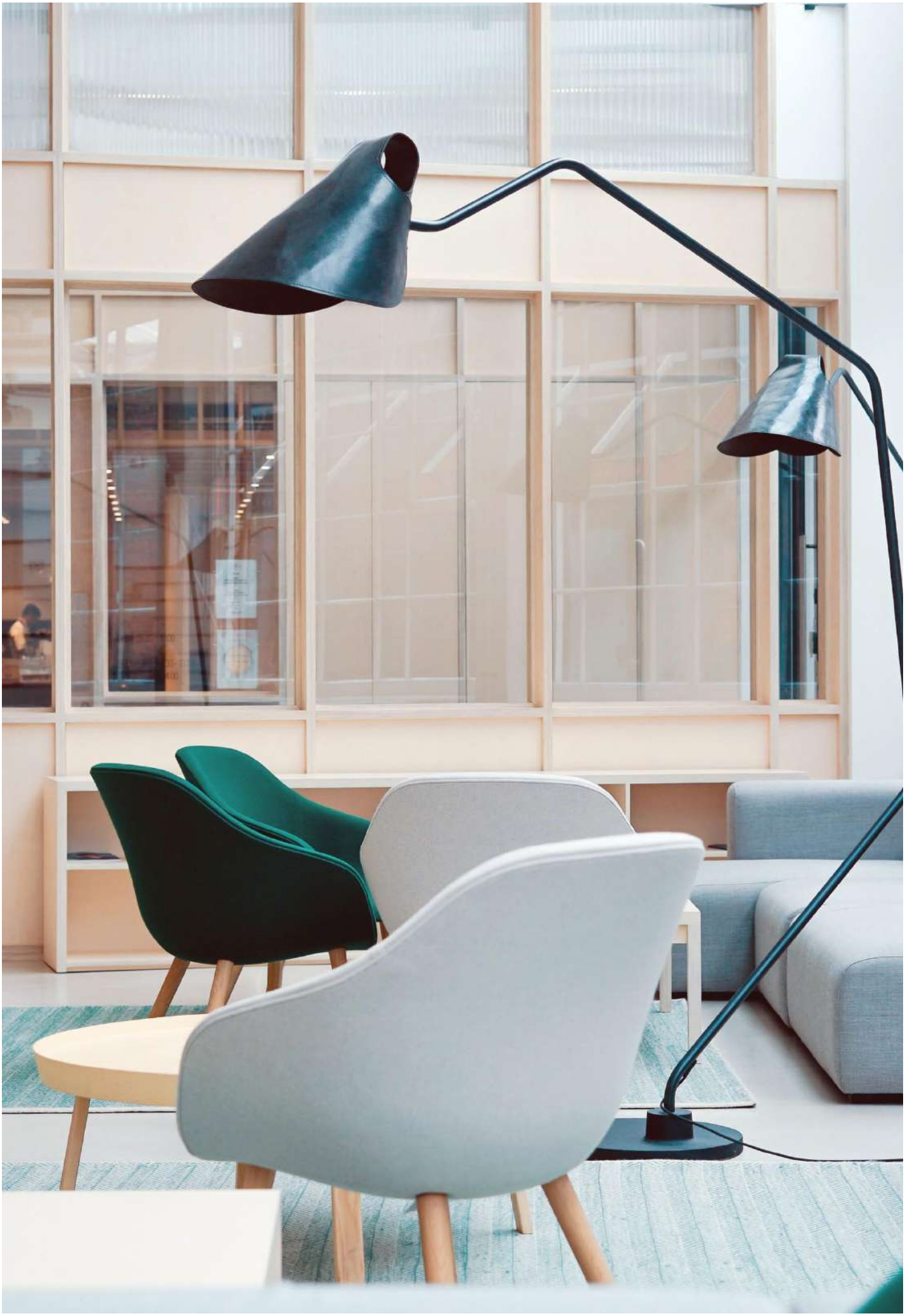

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1. **What is the programme about?**

The Master of Interior Design programme is aimed at producing industry-ready interior design professionals. The programme will develop knowledge and professional skills in the design, spatial planning and adaptive re-use of interior spaces for a variety of building types such as institutional, commercial, residential/ housing and mixed-use buildings. The programme is very practical in nature. The programme is particularly for persons seeking to fulfil a lifelong dream of becoming interior design professionals. It is an Executive Masters Programme which means it is designed to suit the working professional.

2. **Who is eligible for admission?**

An applicant must have satisfied all the general admission requirements of the University with evidence of NYSC and shall be a graduate of any recognized University or Tertiary Institution or a person who holds professional qualifications recognized by the Senate of the University.

The applicant should have a minimum of Second Class (Lower Division) Honours in Architecture or any other discipline in the Environmental Design and Management fields. Candidates with a third-class degree from the Obafemi Awolowo University may be considered under certain conditions as stipulated in the regulations concerning postgraduate studies. All applicants must possess the basic subjects at Secondary School Certificate level necessary for admission to the equivalent Bachelor of Science (BSc) programme in Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.

However, applicants with degrees in other disciplines (apart from Architecture and Environmental design Disciplines) who have had at least 5 years post qualification experience in a design firm or a related industry may also be considered for admission based on satisfactory performance at an admission test administered by the Department.

3. **What if I do not have any design background?**

We assess design background using the student's transcript. Design background means the applicant has done at least one design related course at an undergraduate level. A student without any design background would have to have worked in a design related organization for about 5years to qualify for admission.

4. **Do I need to know how to draw? What other competencies must I have?**

Yes. Basic drawing skills especially in CAD are needed. If you do not have any drawing skills, you will need to take an additional drawing course before the first semester. This will be at an additional cost of N50,000 to the candidate. A candidate will need to register for this in the department. It will last three weeks.

Every student is expected to be computer literate, be able to use Microsoft Word Office package and Social Media such as Whatsapp and Zoom and Google Meet.

5. **What working experience do I need before applying?**

None. Working experience is not required for admission except for those applicants who do not have degrees in Architecture or Environmental Design disciplines.

6. **What do I need to have before starting the course?**

You will need to own a computer with appropriate specifications for 3D modelling; preferably a laptop which you would need to bring to the classes each time. You will also need internet access as well as a design modelling software.

7. **How do I apply for the program?**

Visit the admission portal of the centre for distance learning or go to

http://apply.oaunetque.com

8. **When is the deadline for admission?**

For the 2021//2022 session, the deadline for admission is 30th December 2021. There are limited spaces; so it is important to apply as soon as possible.

9. **When is the start date?**

The start date of the programme is mid-January 2022. The specific date will be communicated to successful applicants.

10. **What supports are there for students who have problems registering?** There is administrative support for all students. The names and numbers of are found at the end of this document.

11. **How long is the programme?**

The programme is for 3 academic semesters or one and a half sessions or eighteen months.

12. **How much will it cost?**

The tuition fees can be found on the OAU distance learning website www.oaucdl.edu.ng Check the fees for Executive Masters Programmes.

Although the duration of the program is 3 semesters, **fees for Executive Masters are charged per session** to allow for results processing and delays which normally occur in completing the program in the required time. Hence the fees to be paid will be for two sessions/four semesters.

13. **What additional fees am I likely to incur?**

The additional costs to the student will be for accommodation and feeding while face to face lectures are held. All students will require a laptop, a modelling software for drawing. The student will also need to have internet access. Additional costs (which are optional) also include travel abroad trips and materials for projects.

14. **What will I learn?**

It is expected that at the end of the programme, successful candidates will demonstrate comprehension of the history, theories, concepts, procedures, ethics and issues in the design and construction of a variety of interior spaces. They will also possess the ability to identify key problems in interiors and apply knowledge learnt in the programmme to designing and creating interior spaces

for human performance and wellbeing. Finally, they will demonstrate professionalism in all issues associated with the design of interior environments and be able to work independently and in teams.

15. **Will I have the skills to be an Interior designer when completed?** Yes. A student who completes the programme will have the skills required to practice as an interior designer. The student will be able to

    - Communicate concepts and design solutions for interior projects.
    - Design any interior space like a professional interior designer.
    - Design of furniture, fittings and all other interior components.
    - Relate professionally with clients, initiate and manage interior project contracts.
    - Use colour and lighting to create a variety of interior experiences

16. **What is the program delivery like?**

The programme is designed with the working professional in mind. It is designed as a hybrid course: online and face-face. Most of the courses will be offered online 75% of each semester.

17. **What is the structure of the program like?**

The program is approved as a list of courses in the programme document. However, these courses are delivered in seven modules as listed below. Each module comprises about 5-8 topics and these are found in the main students' brochure.

1. Interior Design basics
2. Interior Design technologies
3. Design Studio and Communication
4. Lighting, Colour and Services
5. Design Studio and Furnishing
6. Professional Practice
7. Final Project

18. **How much practical content will the program have?**

The course is design to be very practical. Projects and field trips are an important component. Team work is also introduced in both studio and other assignments.

19. **Who are the tutors going to be?**

Tutors are coming from a wide variety of countries. Professional Interior Designers in Nigeria, USA, South Africa and Kenya are going to teach the courses. The programme will also use some staff in the department of Architecture as well as practicing architects in Nigeria whose focus is on interior spaces.

20. **What learning resources are available for the student?**

The student will be given a list of books, e-books, videos and links to facilitate his/her learning for the different courses.

21. **How much time will I have to devote to this course each week?**

In addition to the meeting times (which may be face to face or virtual), a student will need to devote about an extra 8-12 hours weekly for assignments and studio work.

22. **What is the program time-table like?**

In the first two months, face to face lectures will be held fortnightly at weekends. Subsequently, face-face lectures will be held one weekend of each month in each semester. These face to face lectures will be held between 1pm-6pm on Friday and 9am- 1pm on Saturday of the weekend it holds. Some of the meeting times will be used for field trips.

23. **Where will the face to face lectures hold?**

The face to face meetings will hold in Lagos. This is to encourage more interested participants to attend. Most lectures are likely to hold at the Obafemi Awolowo University Guest House in Opebi, Lagos at the prescribed times. Students are expected to attend punctually.

24. **Will there be exams?**

There will be examinations in only a few very topics. Most topics are seminars and assignment-based.

25. **How will the courses be assessed?**

Continuous assessment are the main means of assessment in the program. Projects, quizzes, discussions, class presentations and especially attendance will the major means of assessment. It is important that students do not have less than 75% attendance. Attendance is HIGHLY important.

26. **Is the course accredited locally or internationally?**

The programme is yet to be accredited locally but efforts are ongoing as soon as the National Universities Commission is informed. At the international level, the process may only begin after the course has been established for a few years. Hence the department is working to ensure that international accreditation standards are met.

27. **What are the conditions for the award of a degree of Masters in Interior Design?**

To be eligible for the award of a Masters degree in Interior Design all students are expected to have passed all the courses with a minimum cumulative average of 50%. In order to be eligible to sit for an examination in each course, the student must have not less than 75% attendance in the face to face lectures and in the online classes.

28. **What degree will I receive if successful?**

If successful, the student will be awarded a Masters' certificate of the Obafemi Awolowo University. The certificate will read 'Master of Interior Design, Obafemi Awolowo University'.

29. **Does the degree allow a student to proceed to a Phd at OAU?**

This degree does not qualify a candidate for admission into the PhD programme in Architecture. This programme is a professional progrogramme. It is not an academic degree and therefore not suitable for pursuing academic goals.

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