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Internal policy concerning mixed project groups

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OBJECTIVE AND DELIMITATION

Project groups typically consist of students that are all in the same semester, studying the same specialization - and following the same study plan. Hence, same semester description and curriculum. However, in some cases, it is of great interest to form project groups that mix students and allow for greater interdisciplinary collaboration.

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It is possible to apply for mixed projects groups both in the bachelor's and in master's level.

For example:

- It is possible to form project groups ***across specializations***; e.g., it is possible to form a group consisting of three students in Architecture & Design, where one student is studying under the Architecture specialization, and two students are studying under the Urban Architecture or Mobilities specialization.
- It is possible to form project groups ***across semesters***; e.g., it is possible to form a group consisting of two MSc01-ARK students and two MSc03-ARK students.
- It is possible to form project groups that are mixed ***across study programmes***; e.g., it is possible to form a group consisting of one student from the M.Sc. in Architecture & Design programme and 1 student from the M.Sc. in Civil Engineering.

Mixed project groups can be formed if:

1. The project module of the involved students is of the same ECTS point load, e.g., all students have a 20 ECTS project unit in the applicable study plan
2. **The constellation of the group is approved by the Study Board** on the basis of a project description approved by two academic supervisors representing either a specific specialization or academic programme
3. The examination formats, internal/external examiners are used and the grading (graded or pass/fail) are the same for all involved study plans
4. The project documentation (deliverables) requirements are the same for all involved study plans
5. The examiner is selected from the same corps of examiners in cases of external examination.

Please be aware:

You have to apply for dispensation to form a “mixed project group” no later than November 1.

Below you will find the mixed group template.

Please note that the template and project being produced under this cross disciplinary/semester collaboration must be approved by two separate academic supervisors representing either the specific specializations or academic programmes before you send in your application.

Supervisors for mixed project groups:

The constellation of supervisors and time available for supervision is approved by the Head of Sections of CREATE at the same time as supervisors are allocated to the rest of the semester groups.

Mixed project groups, when approved according to the above constraints, are subject to the following guidelines:

1. The mixed group must hand in a shared report like any other project group
2. At the exam, all members of the group are accountable for the entire project, but to varying degrees **in accordance with their respective learning goals** as listed by each student’s study plan
3. If the students do not wish to be held accountable for some elements of the project during the examination, the students must indicate in the report, who is accountable

for what parts (i.e., the report can have parts that are shared by all students in the group, and parts that only a part of the group is responsible for)

4. Thus, each student must be evaluated and graded according to their own learning goals. It is the **responsibility of the group's supervisor(s)** to take this into consideration when conducting the exam, including informing the examiner about the differing learning goals of the group's members.

ORIGIN, BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Study Board of Architecture and Design wants to support project groups that mix students and allow for greater interdisciplinary collaboration. This policy is made to guarantee the quality of the project and to support the students.

CONTACT/RESPONSIBILITY

The Study Board of Architecture and Design is responsible for this policy.
Please contact the Study Board at studyboard@create.aau.dk should you have any questions related to the policy.

Template: Application for a mixed project group

We hereby apply for permission to form a “mixed project group”, i.e. a project group where the members do not all have the same study plan, or follow the same project module.

Please fill in the form, print, obtain signatures, scan and email to:

adstudyboard@create.aau.dk - **No later than November 1.**

Name	Student ID	Semester	Specialization/Programme

NB. The semester and specialization descriptions are the ones valid for the semester where the mixed group is going to carry out its project work. An example can be MSc01-ARK, and MSc03-URB, respectively.

- **Please write a short description of the mixed group’s project**
- **Please write a short description of *why* the mixed group constellation is found to be supporting the project’s goals**
- **Please write your 3 wishes for supervisor(s):**
 1. **XX**
 2. **XX**
 3. **XX**

Based on the above project description and arguments for the mixed group constellation, two separate academic supervisors representing each their specialization, semester or programme, hereby approve that the project group composition makes sense in relation to the proposed project description.

The wished supervisor(s) name(s) and signature(s):

Name	Signature