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Dear RAIC Syllabus Students,

The following is a short update regarding the launch of the new RAIC Centre for Architecture at Athabasca University.

With the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Architecture now approved by the Government of Alberta, Athabasca University will shortly be able to begin introducing courses as part of this program as they are completed. A reception is being held in Edmonton today to celebrate this approval.

That said, significant work remains before a comprehensive program will be fully available—its elements will be introduced gradually in the coming months, as they are finished. There is no immediate impact for the current Syllabus program.

The first course to be offered through the RAIC Centre for Architecture will be ARCH645: Architectural Practice in Canada, a reformatted and updated course consolidating material currently offered through the existing Syllabus Program as modules MG1, 2 and 3. This course is now open for registration for a start date of April 1, 2011.

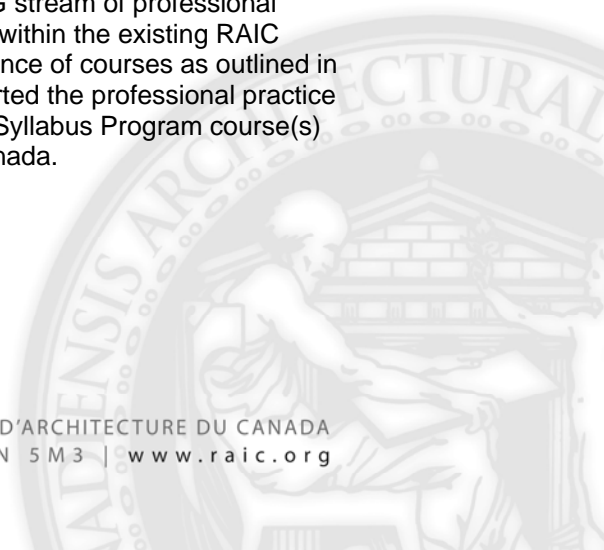
ARCH655, which similarly consolidates MG4, 5 and 6, is expected to be available later in the spring.

Initial registrants for these courses are expected to be principally foreign architects referred by the CACB to upgrade their knowledge of Canadian practice standards; Part III Syllabus Diploma students not yet enrolled in MG 3 also have the option of enrolling in ARCH645, and when it is available, ARCH655.

Once ARCH645 is launched—and this will be true for other courses in the program as well—students will be able to register for them throughout the year; students who register for a course by the 10th of any month are enrolled for course delivery beginning on the 1st of the following month.

Other technical courses will be offered as part of the program as they are completed. The goal is to have these available before the end of this year.

For current Syllabus students who have already started the MG stream of professional practice courses, we intend to continue offering these courses within the existing RAIC Syllabus Program to enable students to continue the full sequence of courses as outlined in the RAIC Syllabus program outline. Students that have not started the professional practice stream will have the option of enrolling in either the MG 1 to 6 Syllabus Program course(s) modules or enrolling in ARCH645: Architectural Practice in Canada.



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A word on fees: fees for ARCH645: Architectural Practice in Canada and ARCH655: Architectural Practice Management will be \$1300 plus a \$160 learning resource fee for a total of \$1460. This compares with \$400 for each MG course module in the existing RAIC Syllabus Program, plus the \$50 per term registration fee (as noted above, ARCH645 and ARCH655 each represent three MG courses).

For other courses included in the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Architecture, fees for each course will be at the same \$1,460 rate up to March 31, 2012; however, current Syllabus students will be grandfathered at current Syllabus fee levels. When these courses are available, Syllabus students will be able to enrol in them at the same rate as for Syllabus rates. This does not mean that existing Syllabus tuition rates will not increase during the transition; these have not been increased in several years, so some adjustment may be necessary to offset the impact of inflation.

As previously communicated, RAIC will continue to operate studio and the existing network of Syllabus studios will remain the foundation of the studio system. We have assembled a studio renewal working group that will be identifying updating requirements, and assessing how current studio can be enhanced and extended through the use of remote access technologies.

The RAIC Centre for Architecture website will shortly be launched by Athabasca University. It will include a section containing information specific to Syllabus students. We will provide you with the website URL as soon as it is available. In addition, we will continue to communicate with you directly as new elements of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Architecture program become available. Specific questions concerning the courses to be offered through Athabasca can be emailed to: archatau@athabascau.ca.



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