Monash Architecture offers a range of Masters-level elective “Studies Units.” Intended as a research-based complement and supplement to the Masters Design Studios, these Studies Units offer the opportunity for a Masters-level, in-depth and specialized focus on important and timely questions in architecture. We are seeking proposals from sessional staff for Studies Units to run in semester one 2020. Studies Unit proposals should be in keeping with, and address either explicitly or implicitly, the Monash Department of Architecture’s commitment to social and spatial justice, environmental sustainability, and our belief in our students as change-agents through architecture.

WHAT CAN A STUDIES UNIT EXPLORE?
Areas of exploration may include historical and theoretical issues, technological developments, advanced design communications, technical or conceptual responses to environmental sustainability, multidisciplinary engagements, or expanded conceptions of architectural practice, to name a few.

There is great flexibility in the methods by which students can explore these topics and areas of architectural discourse. For example, historical or theoretical offerings might consider particular building types, geographical concentrations or specific periods. Technical offerings might address particular environmental, typological, or building-performance concerns. Communications offerings might address specific approaches to representation as a means of rhetoric, advocacy, and dissemination of architectural ideas. Fabrication-based offerings may explore advanced techniques using our extensive workshop facilities, including digital fabrication workshop.

The Studies Units facilitate engagement with diverse architectural and urban issues and approaches while increasing students’ breadth or depth of knowledge. Proposals should be targeted, rigorous, and pedagogically rich.

PAIRING OF STUDIES UNITS WITH MASTERS DESIGN STUDIOS
The Studies Units typically meet for a 3-hour session once a week. They can run either independently or in conjunction with a specific, paired Master of Architecture Design Studio. If run as a pair, then Studio and Studies Units are delivered independently, but link together to create integrated content delivery that reinforces knowledge acquisition, application and critical reflection. Skills and knowledge developed in one unit should support, and be enhanced by, the skills developed in the other. Paired units may be taught by a single individual or shared across coordinated partners or teams.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL
If you are proposing a stand-alone Studies Unit complete the Studies coversheet. If you are proposing a paired Studio and Studies Unit then please complete both coversheets. When submitting your studio proposal, please complete the appropriate coversheet and provide the information specified.

ABOUT THE MONASH ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM
If you are unfamiliar with the Monash Architecture degrees and program, please visit our website, and join us for the MADA Now end of year graduate exhibition, open from 22-30 November 2019. Also check us out on Instagram: @monasharchitecture
Selected proposals will be further developed in dialogue with the Unit Coordinator and Program Director.

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Proposals due by COB on 9 December.