Urban Design MArch /

The Urban Design MArch is a design-oriented and project-based programme, with a strong research component, which aims to enhance the quality of our cities by bringing innovative design into a new relationship with the latest theoretical research on the special structure of urban form.

Degree summary

The programme aims to bridge the gap between architecture and urbanism, and has a strong emphasis on physical design and radical experimentation, combined with rigorous analysis and state-of-the-art theories and methodologies. Students explore design decisions at both a strategic level and the more detailed level of urban regeneration.

The UCL Bartlett is the UK’s largest multidisciplinary built environment faculty, bringing together scientific and professional specialisms required to research, understand, design, construct and operate the buildings and urban environments of the future.

Located in London, it is at the heart of a large cluster of creative architects and engineering firms, next to the UK’s seat of government and finance and has all the resources of a world city to hand.

The architecture coming out of the UCL Bartlett is characterised by a high level of invention and creativity. The school is internationally known as a centre for innovative design.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, case-study presentations, site visits and field trips. As a project-orientated programme, all theoretical research work and experimental design exploration culminates in physical design propositions for specific design projects. Assessment is through design portfolio, essays, oral presentations and a written design report.

There is one field trip (optional) annually as part of the programme. Maximum cost to the student is £500.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of four core modules (105 credits) and an urban design report (75 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, full-time nine months) is offered.

CORE MODULES

- Introduction to Urban Design Theory (15 credits)
- Design Thesis Report (30 credits)
- Technical Skills (15 credits)
- Urban Design Thesis Initial Projects (45 credits)
- Urban Design Thesis Final Project (75 credits)

OPTIONAL MODULES

There are no optional modules for this programme.

DISSERTATION/REPORT

The programme culminates with students undertaking a major design project, the ‘Urban Design Final Project’ in combination with an individual written submission, the ‘Design Thesis Report’. 
Your career

UCL Bartlett graduates have been very successful in gaining subsequent employment. At present there is a growing demand for our Master’s graduates from a wide range of both public and private employers. Graduates of the programme have gone on to work principally in the field of urban design, architecture and urban regeneration.

Employability

Study at the UCL Bartlett is enriched by the vibrant community of specialist consultants, partners and research associates who provide valuable contact with industry and academia. Many of our staff are themselves in practice. Our students benefit from the most advanced and broad suite of facilities available in any such faculty in the EU. This combination of networks, knowledge and technical expertise makes our graduates some of the most sought after in the world. Some choose to continue with academic research and others go on to roles in architecture, urban design and the built environment.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of a second-class Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, or a degree of lower classification in a subject appropriate to the programme, plus extensive professional experience in the field at a senior level. For applicants without a first degree or full professional membership, but with relevant and substantial work experience in the field, a special qualifying examination may be set. Details of this route can be obtained from the Bartlett’s Faculty Office. Candidates will be asked to submit a portfolio of their design work once their completed application has been received by the department, and should not send or upload work until it has been requested.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Standard.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

// why you want to study Urban Design at graduate level
// why you want to study Urban Design at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
// what your intellectual ambitions are
// your understanding of working practices in the field
// your awareness of issues relating to the subject
// how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
// where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £12,950 (FT), £6,445 (PT)
// EU: £12,950 (FT), £6,445 (PT)
// Overseas: £26,780 (FT), £13,230 (PT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Full-time: 28 July 2017

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

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