ARCHITECTURAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
BSc /
UCAS CODE: K102
2018 ENTRY

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The innovative Architectural and Interdisciplinary Studies BSc addresses architectural space from an interdisciplinary perspective and explores alternative approaches to design and to creative practice. The flexible nature of the BSc enables students to tailor a programme of study suited to their interests both within and outside the built environment.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// Consistently at the forefront of architectural debate, UCL Bartlett is renowned for its innovative and experimental research in architecture which includes design, history and theory, and technology. The school has been voted the UK’s best by The Architect’s Journal every year since 2001.

// This programme offers an interdisciplinary education with a specialisation in architecture, an emphasis on design and creative practice, and operates without the constraints of the professional (RIBA) requirements.

// You will develop the necessary intellectual and practical skills to engage with architecture and the city in an increasingly globalised age.

// All students participate in the annual UCL Bartlett Summer Show, a major exhibition at the end of the academic year which attracts over 5,000 visitors.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 81% rated 4* (‘world-leading’) or 3* (‘internationally excellent’)

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

This BSc will allow you to customise your own programme with a wide choice of optional modules taken in other disciplines at UCL. You may select from topics including art history, languages, and management.

This programme is unique in that it offers its own research, design and creative practice modules throughout. This will allow you to develop a wide range of practical and research skills. Other distinct features include its emphasis upon activity-based learning, supported by study visits and field trips.

The emphasis in this programme is on the constant production of small assignments for seminars/tutorials, which will build up to a larger portfolio. There is also an emphasis on group critiques where you will learn to explain your work, listen to feedback and evaluate it as well.

As you progress you will have opportunities to direct your own projects and work collaboratively, for instance, in preparing the programme’s contribution to The Bartlett’s annual show.

YEAR ONE
Core or compulsory module(s)

// You will be expected to take 2.5 credits in modules from within The Bartlett which normally include:

// Architectural Research I
// Making Cities: Production of the Built Environment
// Media Studies: Looking, Making and Communicating
// Project X: Design and Creative Practice I
// The Historical and Cultural Production of Cities and their Architecture

Optional modules

// The remaining 1.5 credits of modules are selected from a wide range within both The Bartlett and more widely across UCL (e.g. in anthropology, archaeology, history of art, economics, philosophy, psychology, and from the School of European Languages, Culture & Society).

YEAR TWO
Core or compulsory module(s)

// You will be expected to take 2.5 credits in modules from within The Bartlett which normally include:

// Architectural Research II
// Computing for Design and Creative Practice
// History and Theory of Architecture
// Project X: Design and Creative Practice 2

Optional modules

// The remaining 1.5 credits of modules are selected from a wide range within both The Bartlett and more widely across UCL (e.g. in anthropology, archaeology, history of art, economics, philosophy, psychology, and from the School of European Languages, Culture & Society).
YEAR THREE

Core or compulsory module(s)

- You will be expected to take 2.5 credits of modules from within The Bartlett. In the third year, these must include:
  - Project X: Design and Creative Practice 3 and/or Dissertation in Architectural Studies.
  - Other modules normally taken include:
  - History and Theory of Architecture

Optional modules

- The remaining 1.5 credits of modules are selected from a wide range within both The Bartlett and more widely across UCL (e.g., in anthropology, archaeology, history of art, economics, philosophy, psychology, and from the School of European Languages, Culture & Society).
- Further details on Project X and this degree programme are available on the degree programme website.

Your learning

The programme is delivered through a mixture of lectures, small-group seminars, tutorials, workshops, demonstrations from experts, critiques (where individual students present to a group of experts in the field), group work, presentations, study and site visits, and field trips.

Assessment

Assessment is varied. In addition to academic essays and examinations, design and creative practice modules are assessed by portfolios, which may include text, images/photographs, drawings, and which can take a range of forms. Research modules are also assessed by portfolios.

Your career

You will develop the ability to think critically about the built environment and to argue speculatively. You will learn key tools and techniques of architectural research, design and fabrication. Our aim is to produce independent-minded and culturally sensitive graduates who are well equipped to problem solve in complex environments of all kinds.

Students pursue careers in the fields of art, design, film, media, and curatorship or related fields such as planning or project management.

The first cohort of students on the Architectural and Interdisciplinary Studies BSc three-year programme graduated in 2016. As such, there is no career destination information currently available. However, first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from the Architectural Studies BSc (which this new programme replaces) include:

- Contemporary Arts, Sotheby’s Institute of Arts, London
- MA in Architectural History, UCL
- MSc in Facility and Environment Management, UCL
- Account Executive, Redmill Solutions
- CEO, Comp-A-Tent Ltd

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

We are looking for highly motivated and passionate individuals with a strong interest in design and creative practice. Students should be interested in studying the architectural space in an interdisciplinary way, willing to explore alternative approaches to architectural design, and willing to engage critically with the cultural and social life of architecture.

Out of the applicants who meet our entry requirements, we request that they then submit a digital portfolio of creative work for review, prior to a conditional or unconditional offer being made.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
AAB

Subjects
No specific subjects. Comprehensive portfolio of creative work required upon invitation, at application stage.

GCSE
English Language and Mathematics at grade C. For UK-based students, a grade C or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA
Points
36 overall.

Subjects
A score of 17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5. No specific subjects are required but a comprehensive portfolio of creative work is required upon invitation, at application stage.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES
(INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION COURSES)
The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
// Overseas: £22,850 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current Students website.

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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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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