Architecture MArch (ARB/RIBA Part 2)

Architecture MArch at The Bartlett is a leading professionally accredited architecture programme, which allows students to develop an advanced understanding about what architecture is and what it could be.

**Degree summary**

Students strengthen their core skills in design, technology, history and theory, and professional studies, working closely with world-class tutors, academics and practitioners. Half of the programme is taught through design modules, where teaching is structured into groups known as 'units' that run throughout both years of study. Although distinct from one another, units deliver a common set of principles with the support of a dedicated practice-based tutor.

// Architecture MArch at The Bartlett sees students taking speculative risks with ground-breaking ideas, testing the boundaries of what architecture is and how it is defined.

// The Bartlett School of Architecture enjoys an unrivalled reputation within the UK’s architecture industry, having been voted the best architecture school by the Architects’ Journal AJ100 for fifteen consecutive years. Our students enjoy networking opportunities, including Open Crits and the annual Summer Show of student work, to which influencers and industry leaders are invited. The school also enjoys an exceptional international reputation and is currently ranked second in the world by the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2018, above any other institution in Europe.

// Architecture MArch is taught in the school’s impressive Bloomsbury home - 22 Gordon Street in Central London, embedded within the cultural and creative hub of London. Students not only enjoy the school's studio spaces and culture, but also workshop and fabrication facilities unrivalled within London.

The unit system of teaching is supported by lectures and seminars given by a diverse spectrum of leading practitioners and academics. Design work accounts for 65% of the programme, and assessment is through portfolio, essay, design realisation report, and thesis.

**Accreditation**

RIBA/ARB Part 2 is awarded upon successful completion of the MArch Architecture programme.

Overseas students who do not have Part 1 upon commencing the programme and are seeking professional registration in the UK must contact the Architects Registration Board separately in order to gain ARB Part 1.

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**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 2 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury
Full-time students study for 37.5 hours per week during term time. Typically, lectures and seminars occur on two days per week.

Students undertake five modules to the value of 300 credits in total (150 credits in each year). The programme consists of five compulsory modules. The first year (known as Year Four) consists of three core modules at 90 credits, 30 credits and 30 credits. The final year (known as Year Five) consists of a thesis module at 45 credits and the main portfolio module at 105 credits.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

**YEAR FOUR**

- Advanced Architectural Design I
- Design Realisation (Technology and Professional Practice)
- Advanced Architectural Studies (History and Theory)
- Advanced Architectural Design 2*
- Advanced Architectural Thesis*  
*Year Five modules

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

There are no optional modules for this programme.

**RESEARCH PROJECT/DESIGN PROJECT**

Students spend their final year undertaking Advanced Architectural Design 2, a major design project, in combination with Advanced Architectural Thesis, a research project related to aspects of their design studio work.

There is one field trip (optional) annually as part of the programme. The average additional cost for materials and study-related items including the field trip is £2000 per year. All students work differently so costs incurred depend on the approach they take to the brief given. The school encourages students to use recycled materials in their models and presentations – not only is it sustainable, but also cost effective and potentially innovative. The school also offers subsidies for exhibition costs.
Your career
Bartlett graduates are amongst the most sought-after employees by leading and emerging practices including Foster + Partners, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, Make, Arup, Zaha Hadid Architects, HOK, and Heatherwick Studio. Other graduates have formed their own practices or forged successful careers in parallel practices such as time-based media, exhibitions and events, urban design, and furniture design and/or film-making.

Employability
This combination of networks, knowledge and technical expertise makes our graduates some of the most highly valued in the world, with 95% securing employment within six months of graduation. Some choose to progress to further study and teaching, many go on to roles in design and the built environment and with some of the world’s top architecture practices.
Entry requirements

A minimum of a second-class degree in architecture from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Corporate membership of the following UK professional institutions: Architects Registration Board (ARB); the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) would also meet the requirement. A design/creative portfolio is also expected. Applicants will be asked to submit a portfolio of their design work once their completed application has been received, and should not send or upload work until it has been requested. Although it is not a requirement, professional work experience taken after completing your undergraduate degree is also expected.

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 Architecture at graduate level
- why you want to study Architecture at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- 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.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

// UK: £9,250 (FT)
// EU: £9,250 (FT)
// Overseas: £24,250 (FT)

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 Students website.

UK students who completed their Architecture BSc (ARB/RIBA Part 1) in the UK at pre-2012 rates (i.e. before the undergraduate tuition fee cap increased to £9,000) will be eligible for a lower fee of £3,465, as long as they have not taken more than three years out between completion of the BSc and embarking upon the MArch. It is the student’s responsibility to prove their eligibility.

Currently the programme has three awards of £5000 per annum available to successful candidates. In addition it has one award that covers the full student fees per annum.

The bursaries are awarded by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, KPF, Hawkins Brown and the WESLDE Trust.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Full-time: 28 February 2019

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/brexit