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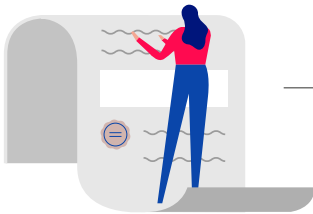


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1 Advice & guidance

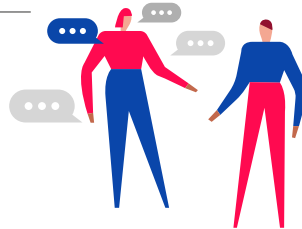
Find guidance on the right course and university including rankings, research ratings, entry requirements, and more.



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Application

Our experienced UK education advisors will advise you on the required documents and relevant procedures. Note that the application method is different from the postgraduate level.



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Test Preparation & Mock Interviews

We provide assistance for LNAT, BMAT, UCAT and others tests that might be required by UK universities. We also provide mock interviews for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Oxford & Cambridge.



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Air tickets & accommodation

Yes, we also help to provide guidance from flight bookings, visa applications and suitable accommodations to stay in.

Study in the UK!

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*Course content, entry requirements, and tuition fees could change from time to time.
You're advised to check the specific university website for the latest information.*

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GET TO KNOW ARCHITECTURE

Introduction

Architecture is a multidisciplinary profession requiring a combination of artistic, technological and social expertise. Architects must understand the needs of people who will use their buildings and the technology available to meet these needs. They attempt to create something that is both functional and a work of art. The challenge of Architecture is to produce within a given budget, an aesthetically-pleasing design which will stand up to wear and tear, and is the kind of building in which people want to live or work in.



Course Organisation

Architecture is a two-tier scheme of study, the first part (undergraduate level) gives accreditation to the ARB/RIBA Part 1, and the second tier (postgraduate) gives exemption to the ARB/RIBA Part 2. Practical work experience is required to be a full-fledged architect.

3 year degree course at a recognised University/School of Architecture	BA/BSc	ARB / RIBA Part I
1 year practical experience	(May be optional at this stage)	
2-year university programme at recognised University/School of Architecture	Dip Arch/BArch/March (title varies depending on university)	ARB/RIBA Part II
2 years relevant practical work experience		ARB/RIBA Part III

Course Content

There are a number of options and it depends on your academic and creative strengths. Some universities focus on the structural aspects which requires students to have background in Mathematics and Physics. Other universities focus more on the creative side and therefore prefer students with Arts as a subject at A Levels. There are also universities which place importance on the historical aspects of architecture in which students with History at A levels will have an added advantage.

The development of design skills through projects is central to an Architecture course.



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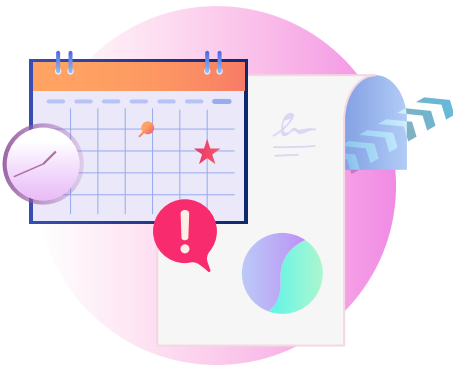


APPLYING FOR ARCHITECTURE

How it works

Applications for undergraduate degrees for most of the UK universities go via UCAS. You will need to register and complete the UCAS form, with payment, by the set deadline. Colleges will usually set internal deadlines for their students. With the exception of Cambridge, the UCAS deadline for competitive universities is January 13, 2027.

The final deadline to submit a UCAS application is June 30.



Course Codes & Fees

Name of University	Course Title & UCAS Code	Course Duration	Tuition fees (£) per academic year 2026	Entry Requirements	Remarks
AA School of Architecture	BA Architecture (Intermediate Programme Admissions)	3FT	£31,500 + deposit (£10,500)	A levels: CCC IB: 30 points	Students need to apply directly to AA and not via UCAS. If one A level is an art/design subject, it must be accompanied by at least one A level in a non-art/design subject Portfolio and interview required. GCSE (grade 4 / C or above) in Mathematics and English Language
Anglia Ruskin University	K100 BA Architecture / K101 BA Architecture	3FT / 4SW	£18,400, Placement year: £1,700	A levels: 112-96 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio required 4 GCSEs at grade C, or grade 4, or above, including English and Maths.
Arts University Bournemouth	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£19,950	A Levels: BBB / 120 UCAS Tariff Points (standard offer)	Portfolio required
University of Bath	K110 BSc Architecture *subject to approval	3FT	£32,000	A levels: A*AA (including A in Maths or Physics) IB: 36 points, HL 766 including 6 in Physics or either HL Mathematics.	Portfolio not required GCSE requirements: English Language or Literature grade 6 or B (or equivalent from English language category A. Mathematics grade 6 or B Your entry qualifications must include Mathematics or Physics to a high level. We strongly prefer applicants who also have an Art or Design or Design & Technology subject.
Birmingham City University	K100 BArch Architecture	3FT / 4SW	£18,570	A Levels: AAB IB: 34 points	Portfolio required GCSE Maths at grade C/4 or above Preferred subjects A Levels: Art and Design, History, Geography, English, Languages, Science or separate Science such as Physics, Biology or Chemistry, Sociology, Philosophy, Psychology, Maths, Music
University of Brighton	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£18,108	A Levels: AAA-BCC IB: 27 points	Portfolio required GCSE: At least three subjects at grade 4 or above including English language and maths.
University of Cambridge	K100 MArch / BA(Hons)	4FT/3FT	£38,010 College fees: £11,500 - 14,950	A Levels: A*AA IB: 41-42 points, HL 776	Check Cambridge's website on the colleges which do not offer Architecture Interview required by all colleges, with written and practical assessments at interview with assessment of portfolio Please check website for more details (especially on entry requirements): https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/architecture-ba-hons

Name of University	Course Title & UCAS Code	Course Duration	Tuition fees (£) per academic year 2026	Entry Requirements	Remarks
Cardiff University	K100 BSc Architecture (can lead to MArch + 2 years)	3FT	£30,700	A Levels: AAA - AAB IB: 36-34 points overall including 6 in one HL subject or 666 in 3 HL subjects.	Portfolio required
Central St Martins University of Arts London	K101 BA Architecture	3FT	£30,890	A Levels: AAB IB: 35 points And five GCSE passes at grade 4 or above (grade A*-C) including English Language, Mathematics and a double award at Science, or two separate sciences such as Physics or Chemistry, and one other subject (Art and Design or Design Technology are recommended).	Interview for portfolio review is required (check with university of the arrangement) A very high proportion of successful applicants complete a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.
University of Central Lancashire	K100 BSc Architecture	3FT	£18,750	A Levels / IB: 128-136 UCAS points	Applicants are required to attend a selection day when they will be interviewed with a portfolio GCSE 5 subjects at grade C/4 including Maths and English
Coventry University	K100 BSc Architecture	3FT / 4SW	£20,800	A levels: ABB IB: 34 points	You may be required to attend a portfolio showcase, activity session or audition or submit a portfolio via email (as is appropriate to your course), either virtually or face to face, as is practical to arrange. GCSE maths, English and art and design at grade 4 / C or Functional Skills Level 2, or other equivalent Level 2 awards.
University for the Creative Arts, UCA Canterbury	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£18,000	A Levels: 128 UCAS Tariff points IB: 29 points, 16HL	Portfolio required And five GCSE passes at grade 9-4/A*-C including Mathematics and English
De Montfort University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£16,800	A Levels: BBB IB 28 points	Portfolio required Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and Maths
University of Dundee	K100 MArch Architecture (Hons)	5FT	£23,150	A Levels: BCC IB: 28 points, 5,5,4 HL	Portfolio required for advanced entry
University of East London	K100 BSc Architecture	3FT	£16,020	A Levels: 112 UCAS Tariff points IB: 24 points, HL 15	Portfolio required Grade C in GCSE English and Maths

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University of Edinburgh	K100 BA/MA Architecture	3 / 4 FT	£38,900	A Levels: A*A*A – AAA no specific subjects required IB: 37 points with 666 at HL to 34 points with 655 at HL	GCSEs: English at C or 4 and Mathematics at A or 7, or Mathematics and Physics both at B or 6, or Mathematics, Science plus Additional Science (or science double award) at B or 6. Evidence of artistic ability is normally required. IB: HL: no specific subjects required. SL: English at 5 and Mathematics at 6. Evidence of artistic ability is normally required.
Falmouth University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£19,950	A Levels :104 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio and Interview GCSE Mathematics Grade 4 (C)
Glasgow School of Art	K100 BArch Architecture	3FT	£24,800	A Levels: ABB to include Maths or Physics, and GCSE English at A/7	Digital portfolio and possibly interview
University of Greenwich	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£17,975	A Levels: 120 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio required and / or assessment and interview
University of Hertfordshire	K100 BA Architecture	3FT / 4SW	£17,450	A levels: BBB, creative subjects such as Art, Media or Design	Portfolio and interview required
University of Huddersfield	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£17,600	A Levels: AAB- BBB IB: 136-120 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio required
University of Kent	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£23,500	A Levels: ABB IB: 32 points	Portfolio required and GCSE Maths at grade C
Kingston University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£22,900 (2027)	A Levels: ABB IB:28-30 points	Portfolio required
Leeds Beckett University	K102 BA Architecture	3FT	£16,840	A Levels: 128 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio required GCSE English and Maths at grade C
University of Lincoln	K100 BArch Architecture	3FT	£18,800 (2027)	A Levels: BBC IB: 29 points	Portfolio is required Three GCSEs at grade 4 (C) or above, which must include English and Maths.
University of Liverpool	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£32,000	A Levels: AAA IB: 36 points, no score less than 4 No specific subject required at A levels or IB	Portfolio required and GCSE Maths and English at Grade C/4 is required
Liverpool John Moores University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£18,250	A levels: ABB	Portfolio required; applicants may be invited to an interview Grade 4 or grade C or above in English Language, Mathematics and Science.
London Metropolitan University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£21,000	A Levels: BBB, one of which comes from a relevant subject area such as Art, Humanities or the Social Sciences	Portfolio and interview required English Language and Mathematics GCSE at grade C (grade 4) or above

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London South Bank University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£17,400	A Levels: 112 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio required 5 GCSEs A-C including Maths and English or equivalent
Loughborough University	K103 MArch Architecture	4FT/5SW	£30,700	A Levels: AAA IB: 37 points HL 666 No specific subjects required at A Levels or IB HL - a mix of Science, Art and Humanities preferred	Portfolio and interview (virtually or face to face) required GCSE Maths and English Language grade 4/C
Manchester School of Architecture	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£32,000	A Levels: AAA IB: 36 points HL 666 A mixture of science or maths and humanities or arts subjects is preferred	Portfolio required At least Grade C or 4 in GCSE/iGCSE English Language and Mathematics. BA Architecture is an innovative collaboration between The University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University.
Newcastle University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£29,850	A Levels: AAA IB: 36 points	Portfolio may be required
Northumbria University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£19,850	A Levels: 104 - 120 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio required GCSE Maths and English Language at minimum grade 4 or C or the equivalent.
Norwich University of Arts	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£18,860	A levels: BBC IB: 26 points	Portfolio required GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above in English, Maths and a Science subject.
University of Nottingham	K100 BArch Architecture	3FT	£33,000	A Levels: AAA/A*AB IB: 34 points Or 3 HL 666	Portfolio required Grade 5 (B) in GCSE English, and Maths and one of GCSE Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Double Science, Single Science.
Nottingham Trent University	K100 BArch Architecture	3FT	£17,950	A Levels: 120 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio required
Oxford Brookes University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£19,300 (2027)	A levels: AAB IB: 33 points	Portfolio required
University of Plymouth	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£18,150	A levels: 104 UCAS Tariff points IB 26 points	Portfolio required GCSE - five passes including Mathematics and English Language grade C.

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University of Portsmouth	K100 BA Architecture	3FT / 4SW	£17,900	A levels: ABB-BBB IB: 24-25 points	Portfolio required GCSE English and mathematics at grade C/4 or above
Queen's University Belfast	K100 BSc Architecture	3FT	£26,600	A Levels: AAB IB: 34 points HL 6,6,5 at least SL Maths at 4	Applicants with a grade C/4 in GCSE Art or no Art at GCSE/A-level may be invited to submit a digital art portfolio, guidance here: http://go.qub.ac.uk/k100portfolio GCSE Mathematics grade C/4.
Ravensbourne University London	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£17,500	A Levels: BBC IB: 24 points	Portfolio required GCSE Grade 4 or above in English
University of Reading	K100 BSc Architecture	3FT	£31,800 (2027)	A levels: ABB IB: 32 points	Portfolio required and students may be interviewed
Robert Gordon University	K100 BSc/MArch Architecture	5FT + 1 recommended year in practice	£18,940	A Levels: BCC to include Maths or a science and preferably Art. IB: 28 points, HL English (or a written subject requiring the use of English), Maths or science and preferably Visual Arts all at grade 5.	Portfolio: Applicants not possessing a Higher or equivalent qualification in Art (Art & Design and Product Design in Scotland and Art & Design and Design & Technology in England) will be expected to demonstrate evidence of creative ability. English (or a written subject requiring the use of English) is required at GCSE grade 6/B if not held at A Level.
University of Salford	K100 BSc Architecture	3FT	£18,600 (2027)	A levels: 128 UCAS Tariff points IB: 32 points	Portfolio required English Language and Mathematics at grade C/level 4 or above
The University of Sheffield	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£32,100	A Levels: AAA IB: 36 points	Portfolio required GCSE Maths grade 4/C
Sheffield Hallam University	AA13 BArch Architecture	3FT/4SW	£18,900 (2027)	A Levels: ABB UCAS points: 128	Portfolio required. Students may be invited for an online interview. English Language or English Literature at grade C or 4 and Maths at grade C or 4
University of Strathclyde	K100 BSc Architectural Studies	4FT	£25,550	A Levels: ABB-BBB, Maths or Physics required IB: 32-34 points, English HL5 and Maths HL5 or Physics HL5	Portfolio required if no art/design qualification GCSE Art & Design or Product Design 6/B, GCSE English Language 6/B or English Literature 6/B (IB Maths MAA or MAI accepted)

Name of University	Course Title & UCAS Code	Course Duration	Tuition fees (£) per academic year 2026	Entry Requirements	Remarks
University College London	K100 BSc Architecture	3FT	£35,400	A levels: AAB IB: 36 points, HL 17, no HL score lower than 5 No specific subject required	Portfolio required GCSE English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 4.
Ulster University	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£17,490	A Levels: BBC IB: 25 points, HL 12	Portfolio required except has GCSE Art or Art & Design at Grade B. GCSE pass at Grade C/4 or above in English Language and Maths.
University of West of England, Bristol	K100 BSc Architecture	3FT	£17,000	A Levels: 136 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio not required (do check website for any changes) GCSE: Grade C/4 in English and Mathematics, or equivalent.
University of Westminster	K100 BA Architecture	3FT	£19,000 (2027)	A Levels: ABB IB: 128 UCAS Tariff points	Portfolio required and applicants may be invited for an online interview Five GCSEs: GCSE English Language grade 4/C – IB grade 4 Higher level, GCSE Maths grade 4/C – IB grade 4, and other three GCSEs grade 4/C to include Double Science or two single sciences
University of Wolverhampton	K100 BSc Architecture	3FT	£17,600	A Levels: AAC UCAS points: 128	Portfolio may be required GCSE English and Maths at grade C

Entry Requirements

Universities in general prefer a combination of Science or Maths, and Humanities or Art subjects at A Levels. A good portfolio can usually replace Art at A Levels.

Non-Academic Requirements

Most universities will request for a portfolio from applicants before a decision is made. Portfolio will showcase students' creative work such as freehand drawings, three dimensional work, short appraisal of a building visited, and more. For international students, photographs or reduced photocopies of work may be acceptable, but should be authenticated prior to their submission to the universities.

For students with outstanding portfolios, a lower grade offer may be made.

*Please refer to the universities' websites to check the required format for the portfolio.

Selectors' Attitude

You must show awareness of the relationship between people and the built environment. Your UCAS application is always considered as a whole; taking into account your qualifications, experience, personal statement and reference.

Personal Statement

You need to show that you have a practical as well as creative mind, an interest in people and their changing lifestyles, self-confidence to put over new ideas, mathematical ability, drawing skills, and more. You need to outline relevant work experience or exposure to show that you have a clear understanding of the profession and your awareness of the demand of the course.

UCAS has implemented a system called the UCAS Similarity Detection Service to verify the authenticity of Personal Statements. If significant amounts of similarities are detected and the Verification staff decides to flag a personal statement, the university and the applicant will be notified via email by UCAS.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Career Path

In order to practice or carry on business under any title that includes the word 'Architect' in Malaysia, a person must fulfil several academic and professional requirements, including as follows:

- Architecture graduates from accredited programmes are eligible to register with the Board of Architects Malaysia i.e. Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM) as an architectural graduate.
- You need to pass the Malaysian professional practice examination, Part III, as set jointly by the Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM) and Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM).
- You need to have 2 years of practical working experience and one of these years must be obtained in Malaysia in an architect's practise which is registered with LAM.

Important professional bodies

Please check with LAM on the list of accredited UK Architecture degrees: LAM: www.lam.gov.my

PAM: www.pam.org.my

The Architects Registration Board (ARB) is the statutory body which regulates the architectural profession in the UK.

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is the professional body for Architects in the UK. To practise as an architect, your qualifications will need to be validated and reviewed by ARB and RIBA.

You can check the updated list via:

RIBA: www.architecture.com

ARB: www.arb.org.uk

You will then have to undertake a Part 3 qualification once you have met the required criteria.

Not everyone who completes an Architecture degree wants to practise as an Architect. Other career options are:

- Town planning
- Interior design
- Teaching
- Structural engineering



“How can MABECS help me?”



If all that information is making you feel overwhelmed, don't worry. You're not alone. Countless students have felt the same way and they've found it helpful to consult MABECS for their UK degree applications. For an overview of our services, check out the Inside Front Cover page.

Here is how your MABECS Education Advisor can help you in detail:

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BEFORE APPLYING

MABECS provides detailed information on:

- UK universities' environment, fees, and facilities
- course structure, content and specialisation
- entry requirements and university standards
- specific university's research ratings and teaching quality assessments



We can also recommend suitable and relevant universities based on your academic results and preferences.

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PRE-DEPARTURE HELP

MABECS provides guidance on:

- visa applications
- accommodation arrangements
- flight bookings

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APPLICATION

MABECS provides detailed information on:

- undergraduate degree application explained from start to end
- personal guidance for your Personal Statement
- mock interviews
- monitoring the progress of your application
- providing advice at stages where important decisions need to be made
- being the intermediary (middle person) between you and universities if our assistance is required
- counselling sessions with visiting UK admissions tutors and university representatives
- IELTS registration with the British Council

About Us

MABECS was set up in 1985 to assist students in Malaysia to find suitable places at universities in the United Kingdom.

Since 1985, students we have counselled have successfully enrolled in top UK universities – both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Whether you're an individual student seeking counselling for your UK degree application, or an education institution hoping to achieve the same for your pre-university students, MABECS is here to help.



Visit our website at www.mabecs.com for a quick overview of how MABECS helps students from start to end of their UK degree application process. You'll also find many helpful articles on studying in the UK, including real student stories!

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