Overview

The Master of Architecture degree provides professional education in the practice and theory of architecture. It requires full time attendance for two years. It is designed to deliver an architectural education appropriate to contemporary multidisciplinary professional practice.

Building on the solid disciplinary foundation established by Bachelor of Architectural Studies in literacy and knowledge, as well as in comprehensive skills of architectural design, the Master of Architecture provides an opportunity for students to pursue one of four specialisation streams. These are listed under the Program Structure section below.

Pursuing a specialisation stream is optional, students can elect to complete the program without a specialisation.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Create and develop compelling architectural proposals that synthesise disciplinary knowledge and professional competencies with an ambition to support the wellbeing of society.

2. Demonstrate independent skills in architectural enquiry through research, analysis, critique and reflection.

3. Apply advanced communication skills which are precise, persuasive and creative using a variety of methods and media.

4. Exercise informed ethical judgement in scholarship and architectural practice.

5. Demonstrate the ability to work collegially and productively in teams encompassing diverse cultural and disciplinary affiliations.

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 96 UOC as a standalone program.

Specialisation Options

SPECIALISATION:

ARCHFS  |  48 UOC
High Performance Technology

ARCHHS  |  48 UOC
Housing

ARCHIS  |  48 UOC
Urban Conditions

ARCHJS  |  48 UOC
Social Agency

ARCHLS  |  48 UOC
Architecture

Core Courses

Students must take 30 UOC of the following courses.

ARCH7111  |  6 UOC
Architectural Design Studio 1

ARCH7112  |  6 UOC
Integrated Design Studio

ARCH7161  |  6 UOC
Advanced Construction and Structures
Electives

Students must take at least 18 UOC of the following courses.

any level 7 Architecture course

any level 6 BE Interdisciplinary Learning course

any level 6 Built Environment course

any level 7 Built Environment course

any Sustainable Development course

any Urban Development Studies course

Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

Admission is available to students with a first degree from a nationally accredited undergraduate program (or equivalent) in Architecture, together with evidence of a capacity to consistently achieve grades at credit level or higher.

Applicants from international universities are required to provide a portfolio of their design work. The portfolio should include sample works from various stages of the applicant's undergraduate degree, text should accompany all drawings/images to explain the projects. The portfolio must be in digital format.

The different categories of eligible applicants and their specific admission requirements are outlined below:

1. 65 credit average (or equivalent) in applicant's undergraduate architecture degree OR

2. A UNSW 70 high credit WAM across the following courses:
   - ARCH1311 Architectural Design Studio 5
   - ARCH1361 Architectural Science and Building Environment 2
   - ARCH1331 Architectural Fabrication
   - ARCH1302 Architectural Design Studio 6
   - ARCH1322 Architectural History and Theory 3

Applicants who have completed their undergraduate degree at another institution will be assessed on the basis of the final year compulsory courses in their undergraduate architecture degree OR

3. Applicants who have completed the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (or equivalent) but do not meet the entry requirements specified under either 1 of 2 above may be considered after they have obtained work experience in an architectural office. Work experience will be individually assessed based on the following submission:
   - A logbook record of a minimum 12 months full-time work or the equivalent.
   - A referee report from the employer
   - A portfolio of the work undertaken during this period

Applicants looking to commence studies in architecture should apply for the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (3261) program
For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
Program Requirements

Progression Requirements

Progression rules are in accordance with university policy.

For more information on university policy on progression requirements please visit Academic Progression.
Pathways

Post Graduate

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD
1120 Built Environment

Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 to 4 Years

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Master of Philosophy - MPhil
2222 Built Environment

Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 72
Typical Duration: 1.7 Years

Read More
Professional Outcomes

Accreditations

Professional institutes that offer accreditation on completion of this program:

- Architects Accreditation Council of Australia

The program is accredited by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) and the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) (2012) for the purpose of registration, subject to the prescribed professional experience and examination requirements.

Professional Recognition

Students enrolled in the MArch program are eligible to become Student Members of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.
Recognition of Achievement

Award with Excellence

The Award with Excellence is awarded in coursework masters programs, including Masters (Extension) but with the exception of Masters (Extended) such as JD and MD, when a Weighted Average Mean (WAM) of at least 80% has been achieved and at least 50% of the requirements of the award are completed at UNSW. All eligible programs will award 'with Excellence' except in special circumstances where approval of Academic Board has been given for a program to opt out.

For more information, please visit:

Current Students Award with Excellence
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

Domestic Students
Commonwealth Supported Students
International Students

Additional Expenses

Students are required to provide a laptop that meets the high demand of design programs and course requirements. The Faculty, Computing Unit BECU provides students with advice on what type of laptop to purchase. Additionally, the Faculty provides students with computer labs for use with required software applications and 24-hour access.

Expected costs per semester are between A$ 100 - 150 per design related course for materials and printing.

There are also potential costs for international excursions and overseas studios. These excursions are not compulsory and students can choose an alternative, more cost effective route to complete their studies.
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