Overview

The Bachelor of Architectural Studies degree provides academic education in the practice and theory of architecture. It requires full time attendance for three years. In combination with the Master of Architecture, it is designed to deliver an architectural education appropriate to contemporary multidisciplinary professional practice. Graduates will be eligible to apply for entry into the Master of Architecture program at UNSW.

Progression through the program is by stages, each comprising two semester-long design studios and their corresponding supporting courses. Admission to each stage is subject to the successful completion of the design courses of the preceding stages, except where approval has been given by the Director of Architecture.

The Program provides students with a disciplinary grounding in architectural design and related technical and academic knowledge.

It prepares students to work in architecture and other design-based industries. It also prepares students to undertake the Master of Architecture Program, a two year accredited degree required by students intending to undertake the professional examinations within their state or territory in order to become registered Architects.

Lectures and practical sessions cover the following areas:

1. Architectural Design
2. Architectural Communications
3. Architectural History and Theory
4. Architectural Science and Technology
5. Architectural Construction and Structures
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Learning Outcomes

1. Apply social, ethical, environmental and regulatory knowledge and skills to architectural design, documentation and delivery.
   Professionals

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

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

   Professionals Leaders Scholars

5. Exercise informed ethical judgement in scholarship and architectural practice.
   Professionals

6. Demonstrate the ability to work collegially and productively in teams encompassing diverse cultural and disciplinary affiliations.
   Global Citizens Leaders

Graduate Capabilities:

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

Students must complete 144 UOC as a standalone program.

**Level 1 Core Courses**

Students must take 42 UOC of the following courses.

- **ARCH1080** | 6 UOC  
  Introduction to Architecture and Enabling Skills

- **ARCH1101** | 6 UOC  
  Architectural Design Studio 1

- **ARCH1102** | 6 UOC  
  Architectural Design Studio 2

- **ARCH1161** | 6 UOC  
  Architectural Science and Building Environment 1

- **ARCH1162** | 6 UOC  
  Construction and Structures 1

- **BENV0001** | 0 UOC  
  Fabrication Fundamentals

- **BENV1010** | 6 UOC  
  Communication in the Built Environment

- **BENV1015** | 6 UOC  
  History of Design Thinking

**Level 2 Core Courses**

Students must take 30 UOC of the following courses.

- **ARCH1201** | 6 UOC
Architectural Design Studio 3

ARCH1222 | 6 UOC
Architectural History and Theory 2

ARCH1261 | 6 UOC
Construction and Structures 2

ARCH2170 | 6 UOC
Building Information Modelling

**Level 3 Core Courses**

Students must take 36 UOC of the following courses.

ARCH1302 | 12 UOC
Architectural Design Studio 6

ARCH1311 | 6 UOC
Architectural Design Studio 5

ARCH1322 | 6 UOC
Architectural History and Theory 3

ARCH1331 | 6 UOC
Architectural Fabrication

ARCH1361 | 6 UOC
Architectural Science and Building Environment 2

**BE Interdisciplinary Learning (BEIL) Courses**

Students must take at least 12 UOC of the following courses.

BEIL0001 | 6 UOC
Graphic Design for the Built Environment
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<td>Renewing the Urban Environment</td>
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BEIL0017  |  6 UOC
Business Start Up

BEIL0018  |  6 UOC
Kirigami Architectural Principles & Creative Paper Engineering

BEIL6000  |  6 UOC
Mapping Social Justice in the City

BEIL6001  |  6 UOC
International Planning

BEIL6002  |  6 UOC
Urban and Regional Design

BEIL6003  |  6 UOC
Cinematic Space

BEIL6005  |  6 UOC
Researching Art, Architecture and Design

BEIL6006  |  6 UOC
Heritage Planning

BEIL6007  |  6 UOC
International Study Tour

BEIL6008  |  6 UOC
International Design Studio

**Free Electives**

Students must take at least 6 UOC of the following courses.

any course
General Education

Students must take at least 12 UOC of the following courses.

any General Education course

Level 3 Maturity Requirements

Students must have completed 72 UOC before taking any of the following courses.

any level 3 Architecture course

Sample Programs

To access sample program(s), please visit:

Program Structure

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

Special Admission Requirements

Additional selection criteria for admission to this program:

- Portfolio
- Interview
- Other

UNSW Built Environment recognises that your academic results may not reflect your potential in creative thinking and making. We have therefore introduced an optional alternative admission scheme to give applicants for our design programs an opportunity to submit a portfolio to be considered in conjunction with their academic achievements. More information about this scheme is available at:
https://www.be.unsw.edu.au/future-students/alternative-admission-scheme

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

Honours Programs

Bachelor of Architectural Studies (Honours) - BArchSt(Hons)
4521 Architectural Studies (Honours)
Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 48
Typical Duration: 1 Years

Read More

Post Graduate

Master of Architecture - MArch
8143 Architecture
Faculty: Faculty of Built Environment
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 96
Typical Duration: 2 Years

Read More
Professional Outcomes

Professional Recognition
Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Architectural Studies program (3261) are eligible to become Student Members of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects. Graduates of Architectural Studies are eligible to apply for the Master of Architecture degree. It is this degree which will be accredited by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) and the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) for the purpose of registration, subject to the prescribed professional experience and examination requirements.

Career Opportunities

Work as an Architect in private practice, commercial architectural firms, government architects’ offices, multidisciplinary design practices, and as a specialist Architect in areas such as heritage.
Recognition of Achievement

University Medal

The University Medal is awarded to recognise outstanding academic performance by a bachelor degree student in line with the University Medal Policy and University Medal Procedure.

Award of Pass with Distinction

The Award of Pass with Distinction is awarded when a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 75% has been achieved and at least 50% of the requirements of the award completed at UNSW. All eligible programs will award Pass with Distinction 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 Pass With Distinction
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 AU$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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Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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