

Architecture Degree Courses
Examples of 2016 entry requirements

Students should always check current requirements before submitting an application

RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) currently [validates](#) courses at over 45 schools of architecture in the UK. Degree courses vary widely in their approach, structure and emphasis, so students should research the course content carefully. The RIBA recommends that applicants should have had a broad education, with a mixture of arts and science subjects studied. You should be able to draw and sketch freehand, and most schools of architecture ask you to submit a portfolio of artwork.

The following are useful sources of information and advice:

- RIBA careers booklet “Becoming an architect”.
<http://www.architecture.com/RIBA/Becomeanarchitect/Route%20to%20becoming%20an%20architect/Routequalificationasanarchitect.aspx>
- For detailed information on preparing for applications /interviews and portfolios, see:
<http://www.architecture.com/RIBA/Becomeanarchitect/Route%20to%20becoming%20an%20architect/Studying.aspx>
- RIAS career guide to becoming an architect in Scotland <http://www.rias.org.uk/education/becoming-an-architect/>

Virtually all the institutions want to see evidence of artistic/creative or drawing ability either through a portfolio at interview and/or by virtue of an art/design GCSE or A level (or equivalent). Applicants are advised to carefully check with individual institutions regarding this aspect of entry requirements.

<p>Bath</p> <p>Note very specific entry requirements</p>	<p>A Level – A*AA Scottish Higher – AAAAA Advanced Higher AA IB – 38 points with 6 in HL maths or 7 at SL Maths, the majority of offers are made to candidates studying Maths to HL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A level (or equivalent) combinations that demonstrate numerical and art and design skills preferred. The majority of recent successful candidates have offered Mathematics, Art & Design and a third A level in a science, typically Physics or a traditional arts/humanities subject • Languages which are intended for non-native speakers are not normally acceptable when taken by native speakers of that language • No portfolio is required for entry to the programme • Preference will be shown to applicants with a high proportion of GCSE A and A* grades • We do not generally conduct interviews for this programme unless we feel that we would like to know more about you and your academic preparation for university. For example, this may apply if you have non-traditional qualifications or you have been out of mainstream education for a period of time. <p>http://www.bath.ac.uk/study/ug/prospectus/subject/architecture/entry-requirements/</p>
<p>Birmingham City</p>	<p>A-level - AAB or 340 UCAS tariff points from A/AS level with a minimum of 2 A-levels. Scottish Higher – 340 points IB – 30 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See website for preferred subjects • At the point of application, you must have GCSE at Grade C or above in English Language and Mathematics. Equivalent qualifications will not be accepted. Applicants will also need a good portfolio. See Portfolio Guidance on website. <p>http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/architecture-riba-part-i-exemption</p>

<p>Cambridge</p>	<p>A Level – A*AA Scottish Advanced Higher – AAA-AAB IB – 40-41 points 776 at higher level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no prescribed combination of A Level (or equivalent) subjects required for the Architecture course. Applicants with backgrounds in either the humanities or the sciences have been successful, although a combination of arts and science subjects is considered the best preparation. The majority of applicants have studied Art or History of Art, which provides a better preparation for the course than subjects such as Design Technology and Technical Graphics. Mathematics at A Level (or equivalent) is also encouraged. • A strong interest and commitment to the discipline is essential and all applicants are expected to show a portfolio of recent work at interview (see box below). <p>http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/architecture</p>
<p>Cardiff</p>	<p>A Level – AAA Scottish Advanced Higher – AAA IB – 36 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good academic base required, preferably indicating a balance of skills in visual arts, sciences and writing research. General Studies, Critical Thinking and PE are not considered. • We also require all candidates to submit a small portfolio. Details of the portfolio requirements and a list of commonly accepted alternative entry qualifications and admissions and selection criteria for this degree programme can be read here. <p>http://coursefinder.cardiff.ac.uk/undergraduate/course/detail/K100.html</p>
<p>Coventry</p>	<p>A-Level - AAB. Excludes General Studies IB - 31 points For details of other acceptable qualifications please click here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs at grade A*-C including English Language, Art and Design and Mathematics, or specified equivalents. • Applicants will be required to attend an interview and portfolio review. <p>http://www.coventry.ac.uk/course-structure/engineering-and-computing/undergraduate-degree/2016-17/architecture-bsc-hons/?theme=main</p>

About

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