

# Architecture @ UK unis - quick facts

## Top 20\*

1 Bath	A*AA	11 Manchester	AAA
2 Cambridge	A*AA	12 Queen's Belfast	AAA
3 Sheffield	AAA	13 Liverpool	AAA
4 UCL	AAB	14 Nottingham	AAA
5 Strathclyde	ABB	15 Oxford Brookes	AAB
6 UAL, London**	AAB	16 Kent	ABB
7 Cardiff	AAA	17 Ulster	BBC
8 Newcastle	AAA	18 UWE, Bristol	AAA
9 Loughborough	AAB	19 Reading	AAB
10 Edinburgh	AAA	20 Dundee	BBB

\* Complete University Guide April 2020. \*\* University of the Arts, London (Central St Martins)

## Must haves

Most universities require maths A Level. Some will specify physics or art. It is essential that you check each individual university's entry requirements as the subjects needed vary. You are very likely to be interviewed and asked to present a portfolio of work at interview.

## Other degrees to consider

Structural engineering, civil engineering, landscape architecture.

## Example course modules

An undergraduate degree in architecture is the first stage of seven years of professional development that you will need to become a practising architect. Courses combine studio-based design projects with the technical knowledge of materials and construction techniques. You will learn subject-specific skills such as the ability to work with and communicate architectural proposal, a knowledge of materials and their use in building and Computer-Aided Design (CAD). Other modules might include the history of architecture; tectonics; environmental science for architects; urban studies; people, buildings & landscape; architectural practice and management.

**Contact hours per week:** 16, on average. (Average all subjects 14.)

## Career prospects

An architecture degree gives you visual, planning and technical skills that will set you up for a creative, design-based career. Becoming an architect is the obvious career route, but you could also consider being a building control surveyor, CAD technician, town planner, urban designer or interior & spatial designer. Other alternatives include working as an estates manager, a construction manager, a historic buildings inspector, a conservation officer or even a production designer in theatre, film or television. As an architect you might be employed in a small firm with fewer than ten employees, as part of an in-house team in a large corporation such as a bank or supermarket or you might work for a local authority or housing association in the public sector.

**Average starting salary:** £20,000