

Master of Architecture (913AA.6)

Please note these are the 2026 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Arts and Design
Discipline	School of Design and the Built Environment
UAC code	880926
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).
View IELTS equivalences	

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.
View UC's academic entry requirements	

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About this course

Master the art of architecture in the national capital

This course has a unique status as the only postgraduate architecture program in Canberra – one of the world’s most internationally recognised and fascinating model design cities. This professionally accredited two-year course focuses on the contemporary issues informing urban architecture and promotes the processes of urbanisation in architectural research.

Accredited under a process administered by the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia, the course will arm you with the professional and intellectual knowledge and skills needed to practice architecture nationally and internationally. You will even fine-tune your expertise in related careers, such as urban design and heritage, and can choose to pursue additional studies leading to a PhD in a range of topics, including architectural history, urban planning or digital architecture.

Study a Master of Architecture at UC and you will:

- understand analytical and theoretical approaches to site, context, program and technologies
- propose formal, spatial and programmatic resolutions for major urban scale projects
- demonstrate an understanding of the complex and challenging social, ethical, environmental, political and regulatory contexts within which architectural practice is carried out
- display an advanced ability to respond to and develop a client brief, scope of work and detailed design proposals up to the start of construction
- debate the importance of the interconnections of architecture with its cultural, theoretical, technical and historical contexts.

Work Integrated Learning

A large proportion of the Master of Architecture course is delivered in collaboration with the local architecture industry – particularly through the degree's advanced studio units which are taught in collaboration with local practitioners. You will study 'live' projects and will have opportunities to network with industry leaders and emerging architects from national and local architecture firms and government agencies who will be invited to assess interim and final studio reviews of your architectural work.

Career opportunities

- Architect
- Architectural technologist
- Architectural heritage specialist
- Building designer
- Building scientist
- Urban designer
- Policymaker
- Architectural journalist, researcher or educator
- BIM modeller
- 3D renderer
- Project manager

Course specific information

To undertake the Master of Architecture, students are required to have an Australian Bachelor of the Built Environment (Architecture) or equivalent and a credit-or-above grade average in Architecture Design Studios in the second and third year of the undergraduate degree. Other students with an Architecture degree or equivalent may be admitted with permission from the course convener, as Recognition of Prior Learning applies to this course. Alternatively, because of the design-based nature of the degree, a portfolio that indicates the design ability of the candidate may be used to determine admission eligibility.

Successful completion of both the Bachelor of the Built Environment (Architecture) and the Master of Architecture will enable you to pursue steps leading to professional registration as an architect in Australia.

Professional accreditation

This course is accredited by Architects Accreditation Council of Australia. Enrolled students are also eligible for an Australian Institute of Architects membership via SONA (Student Organised Network for Architecture).

Admission requirements

Entry into this course requires a Bachelor of Architecture, or equivalent, and a credit (or above) grade average in the architecture design studios in the second and third year of the undergraduate degree. If the credit (or above) grade average is not met a portfolio*, submitted with the application, that indicates the design ability of the candidate may be used to determine admission eligibility. Other students with an Architecture degree or equivalent may be admitted on permission of the course convener.

*A supporting portfolio is highly recommended to any student with a below credit average grade. The portfolio should demonstrate the final four semesters of studio work or equivalent professional experience.

Assumed knowledge

Architectural Knowledge in accord with the learning outcomes of the Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, or equivalent.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	10 August 2026	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 2027	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	09 August 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Master of Architecture (913AA) | 48 credit points

Required - Must pass 45 credit points as follows

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Architecture Studio 1 PG (7628) | 6 credit points — Level P

Architecture Studio 2 PG (7893) | 6 credit points — Level P

Architecture Studio 3 PG (7894) | 6 credit points — Level P

Architecture Practice PG (8410) | 3 credit points — Level P

Advanced Technology 1 PG (8413) | 3 credit points — Level P

Architecture Studio 4 PG (8415) | 6 credit points — Level P

Contemporary Issues in Design & Architecture PG (9771) | 3 credit points — Level P

Design and Architecture Research Methods PG (9772) | 3 credit points — Level P

Design and Architecture Research Project PG (9773) | 3 credit points — Level P

Advanced History & Theory 1 PG (9780) | 3 credit points — Level P

Advanced History & Theory 2 PG (9781) | 3 credit points — Level P

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Architecture Laboratory PG (8409) | 3 credit points — Level P

Overseas Study in Design and Architecture PG (8412) | 3 credit points — Level P

Advanced Technology 2 PG (8414) | 3 credit points — Level P

Design and Architecture Professional Placement PG (8416) | 3 credit points — Level P

Special Studies in Design and Architecture PG (12125) | 3 credit points — Level P

- 1. A full list of design electives is available from the Faculty of Arts and Design.
- 2. The Architecture and Design electives listed above will be offered in alternate years.

Note:

- or other PG Level units as approved by the Head of Discipline

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Advanced History & Theory 1 PG (9780)

Architecture Studio 1 PG (7628)

Contemporary Issues in Design & Architecture PG (9771)

Semester 2

Advanced Technology 1 PG (8413)

Architecture Studio 2 PG (7893)

Design and Architecture Research Methods PG (9772)

Year 2

Semester 1

Advanced History & Theory 2 PG (9781)

[Architecture Studio 3 PG \(7894\)](#)

[Design and Architecture Research Project PG \(9773\)](#)

Semester 2

[Architecture Practice PG \(8410\)](#)

[Architecture Studio 4 PG \(8415\)](#)

Restricted Choice Elective

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Advanced Technology 1 PG \(8413\)](#)

[Architecture Studio 2 PG \(7893\)](#)

[Design and Architecture Research Methods PG \(9772\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Advanced History & Theory 1 PG \(9780\)](#)

[Architecture Studio 1 PG \(7628\)](#)

[Contemporary Issues in Design & Architecture PG \(9771\)](#)

Semester 2

[Architecture Practice PG \(8410\)](#)

[Architecture Studio 4 PG \(8415\)](#)

Restricted Choice Elective

Year 3

Semester 1

[Advanced History & Theory 2 PG \(9781\)](#)

[Architecture Studio 3 PG \(7894\)](#)

[Design and Architecture Research Project PG \(9773\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 2 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 6 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
<p>Graduates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- demonstrate advanced knowledge in ideas central to contemporary architectural practice;- represent complex projects using advanced communication skills to professional architects and clientele- demonstrate advanced competency in designing and developing projects informed by contemporary urban issues.	<p>Communication</p> <p>The ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries</p> <p>Analysis and inquiry</p> <p>The ability to gather information, and to analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way</p>
<p>Graduates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- critically discuss the ways contemporary digital technologies, and multiculturalism have influenced architectural design- demonstrate specialised creative approaches and critical investigations of strategies relevant to large scale urban projects- use advanced theories in analysing exiting urban fabric	<p>Analysis and Inquiry</p> <p>The ability to gather information, and to analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way</p> <p>Problem solving</p> <p>The ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; to identify and analyse problems then formulate and implement solutions</p>
<p>Graduates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- demonstrate both advanced theoretical and specialised technical knowledge needed to secure a successful professional career as an architect- demonstrate advanced understanding and be able to initiate, plan, implement and evaluate broad techniques required for the	<p>Working Independently and with others</p> <p>The ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively</p>

documentation of medium size projects - make high level, independent judgements demonstrating the skilful implementation and modification of building technologies relevant to various stages of design development	Professionalism and social responsibility The capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment
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Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Architecture	M Arch

Honours

None.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	Email FAD.Student@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1300 301 727

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.