

County Sixth Form



Applying for Architecture

An architecture application should aim to showcase your abilities in engineering, problem solving, writing, drawing and a host of other skills. This means preparation is key and this is not generally a field you can decide on at the last minute. Our advice is that you should have enough material to create a good, broad portfolio, and it is a requirement at some universities.

In addition to a great portfolio, you should be able to provide lots of evidence of reading and research, as well as a genuine passion for Architecture which can be illustrated in innovative ways e.g. visits to specific buildings, an EPQ on an architecture-based topic, architecture-based Art projects etc. There are also some great companies who offer architecture-based trips both in the UK and abroad which can widen your understanding and appreciation for different styles of building design and the variations in approaches to design in different time periods and settings. Think about using your school holidays to really develop your interest either independently or with a university summer school.

The following information is from UCAS:

What do I need to do to become an architect?

To become an architect, you will need to complete a five year architecture degree which is recognised by the Architects Registration Board (ARB).

To take a recognised degree you will need: five **GCSEs** 9-4 including English, maths and science and three **A levels**. Some universities prefer a maths or a science subject. Many also require a portfolio of work, so an art & design based A level can be helpful. Entry requirements vary so check carefully with the Architects Registration Board.

Other level 3 courses (e.g. science or engineering) may be acceptable for entry to a recognised degree at some universities – check with them direct.

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role

University - You'll need to complete:

- a degree recognised by the Architects Registration Board (ARB)
- a year of practical work experience
- another 2 years' full-time university course like BArch, Diploma, MArch
- a further year of practical training
- a final qualifying exam

Many course providers will also want to see a portfolio of your drawings and sketches.

Entry requirements - You'll usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, or equivalent, including English, maths and science
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

Apprenticeship - You can get into this role through an architect degree apprenticeship.

Entry requirements - You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship

Some good universities to consider for Architecture degrees, sourced from

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings/architecture>

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University ranking	University name	Overall score	Entry standards	Student satisfaction	Research quality	Research intensity	Graduate prospects
1	University of Bath VIEW COURSES →	100%	94%	82%	85%	83%	96%
2	University of Cambridge VIEW COURSES →	99%	100%	80%	84%	78%	90%
3	University of Sheffield VIEW COURSES →	99%	81%	87%	83%	61%	96%
4	UCL (University College London) VIEW COURSES →	98%	90%	80%	81%	94%	90%
5	University of Strathclyde VIEW COURSES →	98%	89%	81%	63%	85%	94%