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Real graduate

'The flexibility of the design degree at QUT is amazing. I chose units in professional communication and design psychology to better understand people's experiences within architecture and communicate my ideas. Being taught by architects and working on real project briefs, each semester I designed something that had a real-world application and now have an amazingly broad portfolio for my professional career.'
Bachelor of Design (Honours) (Architectural Studies) - Advanced Standing Entry

Course structure
Customise your degree
Your architectural studies design course consists of 18 units in your primary major and four units that are common to all six design majors (architectural studies, fashion, industrial design, interactive and visual design, interior design or landscape architecture).

An additional eight units are taken outside your primary major. After studying for a year you can:
- choose a second major (eight units from any approved QUT degree), or
- choose two minors (a minor is a specific set of four units drawn from courses throughout QUT), or
- choose one minor and four electives.

Minors and majors allow you to tailor your studies to suit your interests and career aspirations. Minors give you breadth of knowledge from two other areas and a second major provides depth in one area. This means eight units of your course (one quarter of your degree) are taken from outside your primary major. You’ll work alongside students from other disciplines because that is how it will be when you graduate and work in the real world of design. The possibilities are almost endless.

Here are some examples that might inspire ideas:
- an architecture student could take a minor in interior design and a work integrated learning minor to gain professional industry experience
- a landscape architecture student could take a language minor such as Italian to help them work overseas
- an interior design student could take a second major in industrial design to aid their ambition to design and manufacture their own range of office furniture
- an industrial design student could take a second major in mechanical or electrical engineering to give them a deeper understanding of manufacturing and production
- a fashion student could take a minor in business and another in interior design to help meet their dream of launching their own concept fashion store
- an interactive and visual design student could take a second major in advertising or marketing and work as a designer for a leading digital agency.

And remember - your second major or minors could be in film, creative writing, music, visual arts, drama or other disciplines across QUT.

**Your course**

**Year 1**
- three foundation units covering design, design history and sustainability
- two units in introductory core architecture design studios
- first unit dealing with place making

**Year 2**
- two design studio units covering the process of design, dwelling, tectonics and public spaces
- units in integrated technology (climate) and history/theory (culture and space)
- study history/theory (architecture in the twentieth century) and architectural technology (building construction)
- first two units of your second major or first minor

**Year 3**
- units focusing on digital tools and sustainability
- develop knowledge of technology integration (structure)
- study history/theory (architecture and the city), and architectural technology (building services)
- three units in your second major or minors

**Year 4**
- address the context of buildings in urban settings
- design project integrating your accumulated knowledge
- complete your second major or your second minor

**Masters course**
This course is designed to be followed by QUT’s one-year Master of Architecture. In addition, to work as a registered architect in Australia you will need to:
- have completed two years of practical work experience (one year of which may be during your studies)
- successfully complete the Architectural Practice Examination
- apply for registration to the Architects’ Board in each state or territory in which you wish to practise.

**Study overseas**
Study overseas while gaining credit towards your QUT creative industries degree with one of our worldwide exchange partners. Overseas study can be for one or two semesters (or during the semester break) and the units you take can be in a creative or non-creative discipline area, depending on how they match with your QUT course. Saving your electives for exchange will allow you the most flexibility. For more information, visit QUT student exchange.

**Careers and outcomes**
Graduates can find employment in the fields of architecture and building design. Upon completion of the one-year Master of Architecture and the required period of practical experience, graduates are eligible to sit for registration as an architect in Australia.

**Professional recognition**
This course, along with the Master of Architecture course, has received full accreditation from the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia, and full recognition from the Australian Institute of Architects.

**Fees**
**HECS-HELP**
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

**Student Services and Amenities Fee**
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

**Additional Costs**
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. Information is available from the Additional course requirements and costs website.