Architecture engages with the design, theory and practice of making spaces and environments for human activity. The profession of architecture has an extensive history as a practice and academic discipline. Workplace experience and learning is still a requirement for professional registration and recognition of architects.

If you are interested in creating things, buildings and spaces, technology, art and design, a career in architecture may be for you.

Why choose this course?
Your architecture and design degree at QUT focuses on sustainable systems and the application of advanced digital design tools to address sustainability. Your study is supported by the integration of teaching, practice and research.

Architecture at QUT is increasingly recognised internationally for its service to the advancement of the discipline, and its focus on innovation in design and sustainable development, which requires new approaches to constructing and retrofitting cities. We inspire and empower you to create environments with a positive impact on human health, environmental quality, social relationships and urban systems.

You will undertake architectural design projects with a practical edge which will require you to think logically about how buildings function and are constructed. Designers learn and develop these skills in synthesis with innovative and creative thinking. Explore attitudes, theories, philosophies and practices through project-based architectural design units, conducted in a studio setting.

Applicants must have a minimum of 72 credit points of advanced standing from core and/or Architecture major units in this course. All other applicants will need to apply for the Bachelor of Design (Architecture).

Entry requirements
Applicants must have a minimum of 264 credit points of advanced standing from core and/or Architecture major units in this course.

All other applicants will need to apply for the Bachelor of Design (Architecture).

Georgia Parr
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.'
Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

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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 studies
- 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.

Additional fees
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.