Bachelor of Design (Architecture)

Your degree will begin with introductory and shared impact lab units where, working with students from other disciplines, you’ll focus on problems and social issues and identify potential solutions connected to industry and community. Your introductory studies will also introduce you to visualisation skills and applications needed to formulate design as an exploration of the materials of the built environment.

Your studies will then build on these foundations and explore areas including environmental principles and the global movement of modern architecture with design studio units covering the process of design, dwelling, tectonics and public spaces.

Later in your degree you will be able to transfer skills and knowledge to a workplace or professional context and gain practical work experience with work integrated learning.

Why choose this course?
The planet is changing. New technology is emerging. Architects are facing exciting challenges and creating amazing structures that are inspiring the cities of the future. How we live and work tomorrow will be very different to today. And architects are setting the direction.

Architecture at QUT has a 100-year history as one of Australia’s principal landscape educators and is increasingly being recognised internationally for its focus on innovation in design and sustainable development. You’ll be inspired and empowered to create environments with a positive impact on human health, environmental quality, social relationships and urban systems. You will study sustainable systems and undertake architectural design projects in practical studio settings.

Real-world learning
Throughout your degree, you will undertake architectural design projects with a practical edge which will require you to think logically and creatively about how buildings function and are constructed. You can broaden your mind, education and life experience with real-world field trips, international study tours, and student exchange with partners all over the world including Italy, Canada, France, China, Hungary, Colombia, Mexico, USA, UK and more.

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.’
Assumed knowledge
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas:

- English

We assume that you have knowledge equivalent to four semesters at high school level (Years 11 and 12) with sound achievement (4, SA).

Course structure
To meet the course requirements for the Bachelor of Design (Architecture), you must complete a total of 288 credit points, made up of:

- a design major (144 credit points), including four shared foundation units (48 credit points) and 96 credit points from the architecture discipline
- four school-wide impact lab units (48 credit points)
- complementary studies, made up of both: four architecture design specialisation units (48 credit points)a minor, or a combination of design specialisation units and electives (unit options) (48 credit points).

Study overseas
Study overseas while earning 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.

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

Double degrees
Combine your architecture degree with a second degree to gain a broader range of skills and knowledge, a competitive advantage and enhanced career flexibility. Choose a double degree with:

- business to lead to careers intersecting design with marketing, public relations, advertising, international business, economics, management and human resource management.
- engineering to enable a range of opportunities including careers in architecture, project management, property development, construction, civil engineering and urban design.

property economics to combine your design skills with sound economic intelligence is highly valued and use your ability to research, develop, value and design property for investment in both commercial and government sectors.

construction management to become a valuable architect and project manager in the building industry.

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.

Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.

- QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)
- Creative Industries International Scholarship
- Equity scholarships scheme
- QUT Sport Scholarship (Elite Athlete)