

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS for the BArch or BArch (Extended) Programmes

Thank you for your interest in our Department. The Department of Architecture at TUT educates professional architects and senior architectural technologists. The study of architecture involves an exploration of the diverse disciplines that form part of the built environment. If you appreciate the value of technology and are inspired by great designs and buildings, then architecture may well be your field of study. Architecture is one of the most diversified and stimulating careers. We design, document, and build buildings (as part of a team) that can easily reach an age of 100 years or more.

The minimum admission requirements to study architecture are listed below. If the selection criteria remain unchanged, you will fall in Category 2 if you apply in your Grade 12 year.

Given our past experience with architecture students, it seems languages are a good indicator of aptitude for architectural studies. You could also consider choosing Arts, Art Appreciation, or something similar. If your school does not offer this, look at the free online course by Harvard titled “The Architectural Imagination”, (<https://www.archdaily.com/803876/harvard-announces-free-online-architecture-course>). Technical Drawings is not a requirement and we have seen students struggling with the transition to architectural drawings, which uses a different approach.

### Minimum admission requirements: Bachelor of Architecture (B Arch) or BArch (Extended)

#### Category 1: Students who obtained their subject credits

- A Senior Certificate with a Bachelor’s degree endorsement
- English (home language or first additional language), with at least a D symbol (50 - 59%) at the Higher Grade, or a C symbol (60 - 69%) at the Standard Grade
- Min APS total = 25 (six subjects)

#### Category 2: Students who obtained their subject credits at an academic or technical school (in, or after 2008)

- A National Senior Certificate with a Bachelor’s degree endorsement
- Min APS = 4 (50 - 59%) for English (home language or first additional language)
- Min APS = 4 (50 - 59%) in each of five (5) other subjects, excluding Life Orientation
- Min APS total = 25 (six subjects)

#### Category 3: Students who obtained their subject credits at a TVET college

- A National Certificate (Vocational) at NQF Level 4 with a Bachelor’s degree endorsement issued by the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training (*Umalusi*)
- Min APS = 5 (60 - 69%) for English
- Min APS = 5 (60 - 69%) for Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy
- Min APS = 6 (70 - 79%) in each of four (4) other vocational subjects
- Min APS total = 34 (six subjects)

After passing an initial administrative screening, candidates have to undergo an additional assessment arranged by the Department of Architecture. The purpose of this assessment is to identify students who display certain characteristics making them likely to be successful in their future architectural studies. The University reserves the right to select the best candidates for this programme. Information regarding the assessment is available on the department's website: <http://tutarchitecture.co.za>.

If you would like to study next year, apply online before **31 July 2018**. The online application system opens at the end of March 2018. The departmental assessment is scheduled for 1, 2 and 3 October 2018 and Saturday 3 November 2018. In total, only 65 students will be selected for their first year studies in 2019. This comprise of 50 students for the 4-year BArch programme and 15 students for the 5-year BArch (Extended) programme.

The approximately yearly costs are the following (you can add 8% every year)			
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	R43 880-00		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	R30 420-00		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	R32 980-00		
4 <sup>th</sup> Year	R44 113-60 (Design)	R42 024-97 (Technology)	
5 <sup>th</sup> Year	R17 674-28 (Design Masters)	R28 270-00 (Technology Masters)	
6 <sup>th</sup> Year	R9 290-00 (Design Masters)	R9 290-00 (Technology Masters)	

After successfully completing the BArch or BArch (Extended) programme, you will be eligible to register as a Senior Architectural Technologist with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). Should you wish to become an architect, you will need to complete the additional 2-year Master's degree.

All the degrees on offer at the Architecture Department are accredited by the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) for registration in the relevant category. The degrees are also internationally validated through the Canberra Accord (CA). The CA facilitates the portability of educational credentials amongst participating member countries by recognising the similarity of professional architecture degrees. CA signatories include Canada, China, Korea, Mexico, South Africa, the USA and a further 35 countries represented by the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA).

**If you require any more information, please contact our department on 012 382 5252.**