

Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment  
Department of Architecture

## Information for new **2020** undergraduate students

Admission requirements for students applying for one of the following Architecture degrees:

**BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE** BArch

Minimum 4 years full-time

Code: BPAR20

SAQA ID: 48735, CHE NUMBER: H/H16/E013CAN

**BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE (EXTENDED CURRICULUM)**

BArch(Extended)

Minimum 5 years full-time

Code: BPARF2

CHE NUMBER: H16/10740/HEQSF A

Dear prospective Architecture student

We are pleased to invite you to write the architecture selection test.

The purpose of this test is to identify students who display specific characteristics making them likely to be successful in their future architectural studies. The architecture selection test consists of two parts, namely free-hand drawings, and a computer questionnaire, including a short essay and your opinion on certain images.

### Important dates and times

The selection tests take place on **25, 26 and 27 September 2019**.

The daily sessions are between 08:00 – 16:00.

You **only** have to attend **ONE (1)** of the three days.

### The date of your test

You will be assigned a specific date on which to write the test.

The list with names and dates is published on **6 September 2019**, on the Architecture Department's website (<http://www.tutarchitecture.co.za>).

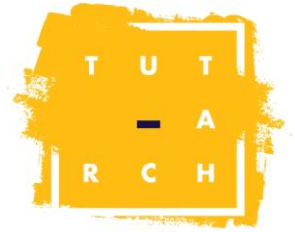
Please confirm your test date by sending an email to [architecture@tut.ac.za](mailto:architecture@tut.ac.za). The title of this e-mail should read *Confirmation: Arch Selection Tests*.

If you are not going to attend the selection test, it would be appreciated if you could also inform us.

### Venue

Pretoria Campus of TUT in Building 11, Staatsartillerie Road, Pretoria West.

GPS coordinates: 25°44'01.5"S 28°09'48.6"E



Please **bring the following** along on the day of the test:

1. A black pen
2. Yo If available, your Grade 11 or Grade 12 results
3. South African applicants: A certified copy of your identity document
4. International applicants: A certified copy of your passport
5. your reference number (student number)

### **Selection test enquiries**

For any enquiries before the architecture selection test, you are welcome to contact the Architecture Department at **012 382 5252**.

### **Selection test results**

The results of the selection tests are published on **25 October 2019** on the departmental **website** <http://www.tutarchitecture.co.za> and on the **notice board** of the TUT Architecture Department in Building 11.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to answer telephonic enquiries regarding results before the above publication date.

You will receive a **letter** (sent to your e-mail address) stating the outcome before **15 November 2019**. If you have not received a letter by this date, please contact us by sending an email to [architecture@tut.ac.za](mailto:architecture@tut.ac.za). This should be done before **6 December 2019**. The title of this e-mail should be *Outstanding letter: Arch Selection Tests*. State your full names, ID or Passport number and reference (student) number.

### **Admission requirements for the degree:**

Your application to study for the BArch or the BArch(Extended) degree is dependant on two aspects, namely:

1. your **selection test results**, and
2. your **final Grade 12 / Matric/ TVET** results.

Please note that if you passed the selection test, but do not meet the Grade 12 / Matric/ TVET requirements, you are automatically disqualified to study Architecture.

### Grade 12 / Matric/ TVET requirements:

The minimum admission requirements to study architecture are listed below.

If you are in Grade 12 this year, you will fall into **Category 2**.

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

##### Category 1:

Students who obtained their subject credits at an academic or technical school (before 2008)

- A Senior Certificate with a Bachelor's degree endorsement
- English (home language or first additional language), with at least
  - D symbol (50 – 59%) at the Higher Grade, or
  - 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)

### Upgrading your Grade 12 / Matric/ TVET results:

If you need to upgrade your Grade 12 results, please inform the Department.

Send the results immediately after you received it.

Take note that the course has a limited number of spaces available and no places can be reserved.

### Available places:

In total, only 65 students are selected for their first-year studies in 2020. Fifty (50) students for the 4-year BArch programme and fifteen (15) students for the 5-year BArchExtended programme.

Please note that the University reserves the right to select the best candidates for this programme.

After completing the BArch or BArchExtended 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 Design Master's degree.

All the degrees on offer at the TUT Architecture Department are accredited by the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) for registration in the relevant category. The degrees are validated internationally 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).

At the department, we pride ourselves in our students and future graduates. After completing your architecture degree at TUT, you will be able to design, develop, model and make the buildings you imagined. Thank you once again for your interest in the Department of Architecture at TUT

Kind regards



A model by MArch student Rudi Vermeer of a seed cultivation centre in Pretoria, 2017.  
(Photograph by M van Schoor, December 2017)