

BECOME AN: ARCHITECT



What is an Architect

Architects design a wide variety of buildings and structures, including houses, hospitals, office buildings and more.

Architects are concerned with the design of many aspects of a building including: form, use, safety, legal issues and what the building looks like. Architects are often involved in every part of the building process from conception to construction to ensure an integrated and satisfactory result.

An architect will create the overall look (or aesthetic) of buildings and structures, and consider how designs will fit into their surroundings. Buildings should suit the specific needs of the people who use them and strive to enhance, rather than destroy the environment. They must also be built with the public's health, safety and welfare in mind.

Thinking about becoming an architect? It's important to remember that there are many aspects involved with this job. Architect's responsibilities require specific skills: designing, engineering, managing, supervising, and communicating with clients and builders. Architects spend a great deal of time explaining their ideas to others. Successful architects must have a thorough knowledge of how to construct a building, and be able to design and communicate their vision effectively.

GCSE's

Apart from good grades in English and Maths, you won't need to have specific GCSE (or equivalent) subjects. But if you're choosing your options, subjects like Art, Design or ICT may be useful.

A-levels

If you're choosing your A levels (or equivalent), the following subjects will be useful: Art and Graphic Design, Business Studies, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, ICT, Psychology, and Politics.

Start

Entry Requirements

Schools of architecture will typically express their offer in terms of the UCAS tariffs, and the offers vary between schools. It is therefore necessary to check requirements with individual schools.

Many architecture schools will ask to see a portfolio of your creative work as part of the application process.

Many schools of architecture consider further education qualifications other than A-levels, and assess mature students on grounds other than formal academic experience.

Undergraduate Degree

RIBA Part 1

3 Or 4 Year Full Time Study

(Part time options are available)

Usually a 3 or 4 year full time undergraduate BA or BSc degree in architecture provides students with opportunities to develop a broad range of skills and Architectural understanding, including team work, model making and drawing skills.

Skills:



Some architecture graduates gain further qualifications in specialist related fields such as planning, urban design or conservation.

Other architecture graduates move on to work within other design or construction disciplines. Using the skills that they have developed so far.

'The best thing about an architectural education is the breadth of skills and depth of thought that is developed and which will always be with you.'

Undergraduate Student

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Practical Experience

After gaining a degree in architecture, students typically work in an architecture practice for one-year. Some students choose to work for longer, to save money or to gain additional experience.

Other graduates take time out to work in the wider construction industry, work overseas, volunteer or travel!

The RIBA provides guidance, and encourages students to gain experience, either under the supervision of an architect or another qualified construction industry professional at this stage.

Practical Experience

Earning from:

£18-22K.



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Post-graduate Degree

RIBA Part 2

2 Year Full Time Study

(Part time options are available)

A further two-year, full-time university course: Diploma or Masters in Architecture. Students may choose to return to the architecture school where they completed their degree (RIBA Part 1), or apply to study for RIBA Part 2 course at another school.

Skills:



'I'm glad I'm completing my degree at this point in my life. I'm getting so much more out of the process now as I understand where the ideas come from and I have a massive drive to succeed.'

Postgraduate Student

Practical Experience

Further practical experience:

24 months' practice experience in total is required to sit the RIBA Part 3 examination.

At this stage, graduates working in an architecture organisation will usually be given more responsibility on projects and begin studying aspects of practice, management and law on a RIBA Part 3 programme.

Practical Experience

Earning from:

£24-27K.



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Professional Qualification

RIBA Part 3

Final qualifying examination:

The examination in professional practice and management is taken with an RIBA-validated course provider.

Candidates will typically be assessed on the following elements:

- 24 Months of Practical Experience
- Professional CV and Career Evaluation
- Case Study
- Written Exam
- Interview

Professional Qualification

Earning from:

£31K+.



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Architect

Did You Know?

The title 'architect' is protected by law, so that the public can always be sure that they are dealing with a properly qualified architect.

Skills:



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'A career in architecture is challenging but rewarding in many ways; it is a career that allows you to express your creativity and to shape the world in which we live.'

For more details and how to apply visit:
www.doncastercivictrust.org.uk

Interested?

How Will You Shape the Future?

The Doncaster Civic Trust student bursary scheme encourages Doncaster students to consider the opportunities that exist to study the built and natural environment by offering cash bursaries.

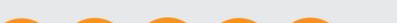
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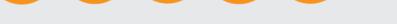
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