

APPLICATIONS for ARCHITECTURE



UCL The Bartlett – 22 Gordon Square, London

- Very highly regarded
- Emphasis on portfolio – very good video on portfolio construction. They are looking for creativity above all else, and how your ideas develop. Like models, drawing, photos, materials, recycling, etc.
- They interview (c20 mins) and you present your digital portfolio and then have a discussion with them.
- They don't seem to mind what A Levels you do if you have the right skills and portfolio. Like many institutions they ask for minimal grades in GCSE English and Maths

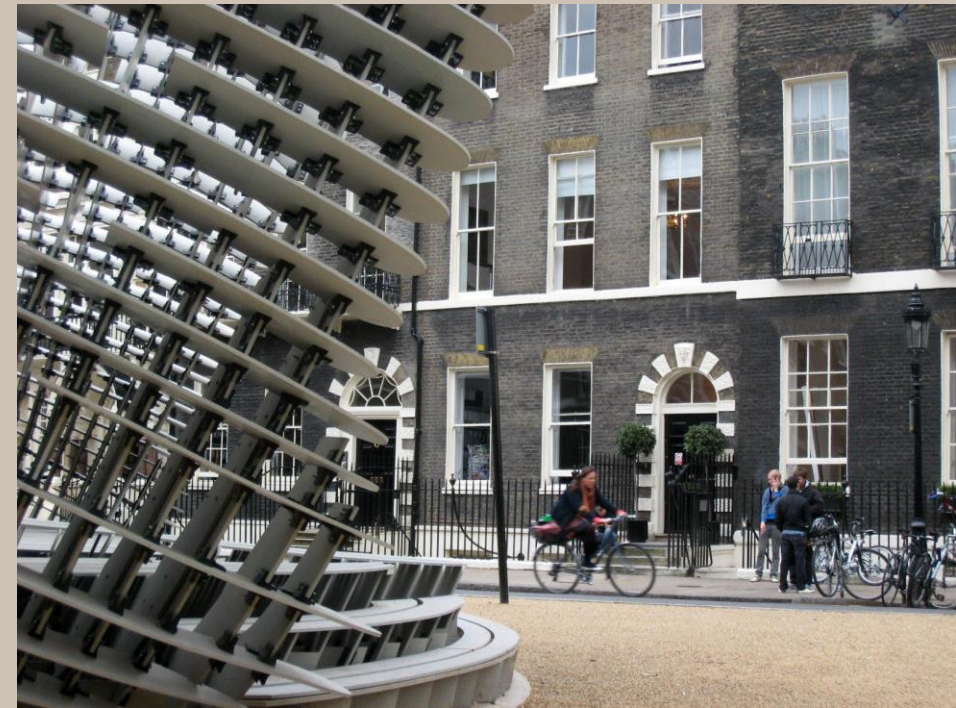


AA – Architectural Association – 32-39 Bedford Square, WC1B 3ES

- The portfolio is key to success
- Acceptance rate is 10%

‘The AA is keen to hear from students who can demonstrate initiative in entering into the very public forms of presentation, discussion and debate that permeate the AA School, the architectural community and the world at large. We are looking for students who have a combination of curiosity and ambition that is required to define a unique path through a school that fosters a multitude of pedagogical methods and agendas.

The AA is a Higher Education Institution (HEI) and is one of the oldest schools of architecture in the UK. **The AA is not a member of UCAS and all applications are directly through the school.** The procedure is the same for all prospective students.’



University of Cambridge

- Architecture BA, K100, 3 years
60 places, 9 applicants per place
A Level Entry requirements: A*AA
IB entry requirements: 41-42 points with 776 Higher
- 'Architecture at Cambridge combines the intellectual challenges of both arts and sciences with the opportunity for creative design.
Study history and philosophy of architecture, participatory practice, inclusivity, contemporary culture and urbanism. Alongside this you'll learn about construction, structural design and environmental design.'



Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, University of Bath

North Road, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY

- Typical offer: A*AA
- 4 years
- 2 placements (3-6 months), second terms of yr 2 and yr 3
- Architecture and engineering
- 'Your entry qualifications should ideally include Mathematics or Physics, together with an Art or Design subject. These subject streams provide good grounding in analytical skills and creative thinking. **Architecture is a competitive course and in the past, we have generally not been able to make offers to applicants unless they have studied Maths or Physics at A level (or equivalent).'**



- 'If for any reason you have been unable to study Art or Design, we look for evidence that you have substantial exposure to art and design thinking and its applications, through structured extra-curricular art or design activities.'

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

- Campus university
- Faculty of Engineering. Several different types of course eg BArch (entry requirements AAA), Architecture and Environmental Design (entry requirements AAA), Architecture with Collaborative Practice, 2 years (entry requirements N/A)
- ‘Your portfolio should contain 12 – 16 images of your work. This can be made up with 3 – 4 images from each of the following categories:

Your hand drawings

Photographed images

At least one example of a 3D made piece, such as ceramics, fashion or a simple model.

The remaining 3 – 4 images can include work that is an expansion on sections 1 – 3 above or use of another medium entirely.

When thinking about what hand drawings or photographed images to include we’d encourage you to capture something that’s familiar to you such as where you live. That often tells us more about your interests than a drawing or photograph of a famous building. Your portfolio must not include virtual 3D computer aided designs. These don’t give us a true understanding of your design skills or how you communicate by hand drawing. You’ll receive an email from us confirming the portfolio requirements in more detail, the format and the submission date.’



Edinburgh School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (ESALA)

- MA 4 yrs; BA 3 yrs; Part 1
- A*AA is typical, or 39 pts, 666 at HL
- 'Your studies will include contemporary conversations taking place not only in architecture but also in:
landscape
construction
urbanism
economics
politics
ethical practice'
- <https://www.eca.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-school-architecture-and-landscape-architecture-esala>
video by the university
- 1200 students in the department, most in architecture
- Do courses on landscape architecture
- Do courses on interior design



NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY - School of Architecture, Planning & Landscaping

- Architecture BA K100, 3 years
Entry requirements: A Level: AAA.
Candidates may be required to submit a portfolio for review as part of the selection process. GCSE grade B/6 in Mathematics and English C/4 is preferred, if not taken at a higher level. IB: A minimum of 36 points. Candidates may be required to submit a portfolio for review as part of the selection process. Standard Level Mathematics or Mathematical Studies required at grade 5 if not offered at Higher Level.
- Also, Architecture and Urban Planning, BA, K190. 3 years
Entry requirements: ABB/32 points



There are many more places to study architecture, such as Oxford Brookes (once the top UK university for Architecture), Liverpool (the first university in the UK to award a RIBA accredited degree in Architecture)

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY, K100,

3yrs, BArch

This course is much easier to get into. They want a portfolio but specify entry, not in terms of A Level grades or IB points but in UCAS points: 128-144 pts.

Examples, as per the tables below, are:

3 x A at A Level is 168 pts (+ an EPQ)

3 x B at A Level is 140 pts (+ an EPQ)

It's easy to clock up points with IB (see below)

UCAS A LEVEL POINTS

A*	56	EPQ 28
A	48	24
B	40	20
C	32	16
D	24	12
E	16	8

UCAS IB POINTS

HIGHER LEVEL		STANDARD LEVEL		EE	ToK
7	56	7	28	A 12	A 12
6	48	6	24	B 10	B 10
5	32	5	16	C 8	C 8
4	24	4	12	D 6	D 6
3	12	3	6	E 4	E 4
2	0	2	0		