Faculty of Design Architecture and Building: Selection Criteria for Undergraduate 2016 Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Courses – Architecture and Landscape Architecture

Selection criteria applying to Architecture and Landscape Architecture courses is outlined below.

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<td>Bachelor of Landscape Design</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Design in Architecture</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Design in Architecture B Creative Intelligence and Innovation</td>
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**Matriculation**

To be eligible to apply for a course (matriculate) at UTS you must satisfy at least one of the following minimum admission requirements:

1. Must have attained a full NSW HSC or equivalent with an ATAR of 69 (excluding bonus points), or
2. Completed TAFE TPC, Associate Diploma, AQF Diploma or Advanced Diploma, or
3. Completion of one year of tertiary studies (must be full time), or
4. Be at least 20 years of age of as at 1 March 2016.

Note that meeting the matriculation requirements does not mean that an applicant will receive an offer – applicants still have to compete for a place with other applicants for the same course.

**Current School Leaver Selection**

Current school leavers are selected on their Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) or equivalent, and are eligible for the Year 12 Bonus Scheme bonus points.

**UTS Year 12 Bonus Scheme** - up to a maximum of five (5) bonus points may be awarded for performance in designated HSC subjects. For details visit [www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/schools/leavers/atar/bonus](http://www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/schools/leavers/atar/bonus).

**Non Current School Leaver Selection**

Applicants are selected on the basis of academic merit or on the basis of an interview (shortlisted from an optional portfolio). Academic merit is determined on the basis of any qualifications listed in the “Qualifications Used in Selection” section of this document.

Non-current school leaver applicants for the above courses can upload an optional Architecture portfolio when lodging their UAC application, which is used for interview short-listing. To be considered for an interview, applicants must submit a digital portfolio (max. 3mb) of 7 x A4 landscape pages including:

- 5 pages of digital files of scans (PDF) and/or photographs (JPEG) of original design work appropriate to the course
- 1 page written submission (150–200 words) that selects and identifies one of the submitted pieces of work, addressing the aims of the work and why it succeeded (text must be supplied in 14 point Helvetica, with single line spacing in PDF format).
- 1 page statement of intent (300 words). The statement should describe your academic background and past work experience which related to your intended field of study (text must be supplied in 14 point Helvetica, with single line spacing in PDF format).
- All portfolios must include the applicant’s name and UAC application number.


Applicants who do not submit a portfolio or are not shortlisted for interview will be considered for entry based upon their academic results.
Generally the best qualification is considered for non-current school leavers unless the applicant has previously been excluded from university or has a record of fails in a tertiary qualification used in selection, in which case the tertiary qualification with fails is used.

Applicants with a previous record of exclusion or failed tertiary level subjects - must write to the Admissions Manager (SAU, PO Box 123, UTS Broadway NSW 2007) by the last working day of November explaining their academic history and how they believe they can succeed in future study.

See www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/essential-information/applying for a definition of current and non-current school leavers.

Qualifications Used in Selection

The following qualifications are considered for admission into Landscape Architecture and Architecture courses.

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Limited ATAR

The Faculty of Design Architecture and Building will consider a Limited ATAR. If you are using the Limited ATAR as the basis of admission, you must be over 20 years of age on 1 March 2016.

The International Baccalaureate

The Faculty of Design Architecture and Building will consider a completed International Baccalaureate (IB).

International Secondary Qualifications

UTS accept many international secondary qualifications. See “Commonly Accepted Overseas Qualifications” at www.uac.edu.au/documents/undergraduate/os-secondary-qualifications.pdf. The qualifications in the table are accepted by all universities participating through UAC.

If you have a query about a secondary qualification which is not listed on the “Commonly Accepted Overseas Qualifications” table you should contact UTS via email through the website http://www.ask.uts.edu.au/

Tertiary Qualifications

Australian University Qualifications

(See the end of this document for the definition of Non-Award Studies and Full Time Equivalence FTE).

Bachelor Degree Studies including Non-Award Studies

- Bachelor degree studies – 0.5 year and greater FTE
- Associate degree studies – 0.5 year and greater FTE
- Non-Award studies – 0.5 year and greater FTE

Postgraduate Degree Studies

- Completed: Graduate Certificate; Graduate Diploma; Masters (coursework or research); Doctorate (coursework or research)
- Incomplete Graduate Diploma 0.5 year and greater FTE
- Incomplete Coursework Masters 0.5 year and greater FTE
- Incomplete coursework Doctorate

Note: UTS will not consider incomplete Research Masters or Doctorates.

Tertiary Preparation and Foundation Studies Programs

The Faculty of Design Architecture and Building will consider the following completed tertiary preparation courses

- UTS Foundation Studies
- UNSW - University Foundation Studies
- UNSW - University Preparation Program
- University of Sydney Foundation Program
- University of Newcastle – Foundation Studies Certificate and Open Foundation Course
- University of Newcastle Newstep and Yapug
- University of Wollongong – STEP, Gateway and University Access Program
- University of Wollongong – Foundation Studies and Senior Secondary Program
- UWS – Macstart and Unistart
- Australian National University – University Preparation Scheme
- University of Canberra – UC-Connect and UC-Prep
- Canberra Institute of Technology Pre-Tertiary Studies

**TAFE and Private Provider Studies**
(See the end of this document for a definition of AQF).
- Completed AQF Advanced Diploma or AQF Diploma
- Associate Diploma studies – 1 year and greater FTE
- RATE Diploma studies – 1 year and greater FTE
  RATE Diplomas refer to 3-year diplomas taught at Universities or Colleges of Advanced Education such as Diploma of Nursing or Diploma of Education. RATE does not refer to current Diplomas delivered under the auspices of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Note: The Faculty of Design Architecture and Building will not consider incomplete AQF qualifications.

**International Tertiary Qualifications**
Many overseas tertiary qualifications can be considered for UTS selection. Please contact a UTS Student Centre via email through the website [http://www.ask.uts.edu.au/](http://www.ask.uts.edu.au/) for information regarding specific overseas tertiary qualifications.

UAC also provide a Qualifications Assessment Service (QAS) to prospective applicants. For more information visit [www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/qas](http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/qas)

**Special Tertiary Admissions Test**
The Faculty of Design Architecture and Building considers the STAT (Multiple Choice) administered by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), provided applicants have reached 20 years of age by 1 March 2016 and their STAT results were obtained after 2012.

**Definitions**

**AQF:** *The Australian Qualifications Framework* (commonly known as the AQF) is a unified system of national qualifications in schools, vocational education and training (TAFE and private providers) and the higher education sector (mainly universities). For detailed information on AQF Accreditation see [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au/)

**FTE:** *Full time equivalence*. 1 year FTE is one year of full-time study or equivalent. One year full time study is the credit value worth of subjects determined by your institution to satisfy the completion of your degree in the minimum time permitted.

**Non-Award Study:** Non-Award study is the enrolment in a subject (or subjects) which does not in itself lead to an award. It comprises a unit or units of study from a degree course.