

# ARCHITECTURE

University courses - Victoria

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# Introduction

This document has been developed to assist Year 10 - 12 students and their families in researching architecture courses in Victoria. Please check university websites for up-to-date information.

**Disclaimer:** Information has been taken from university websites. Universities featured in this guide reserve the right to change course information, admissions, and entry requirements at any time and without notice.

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## Indicative ATAR

Please use indicative ATARs and selection ranks as a guide as they may change for future intakes.



## English prerequisite

EAL = English as an Additional Language. 'Any other English' includes English, English Language and Literature.



## Undergraduate

This is usually your first course at university. For example - bachelor's degree.



## Graduate

This is study you do once you have graduated from a bachelor's degree. For example - master's degree.



# How to become an architect in Victoria

To practice as an architect in Victoria, you will need to register with the [Architects Registration Board of Victoria \(ARBV\)](#).

There are [three pathways to registration](#):

Architectural Practice Examination  
Experienced Practitioner Assessment  
Mutual Recognition

The following is the pathway to registration via the [Architectural Practice Examination](#).

## STEP 1: Secondary school studies

Study VCE subjects such as Visual Communication Design, Product Design and Technology, Mathematics, and Business Management.

## STEP 2: complete a bachelor's degree

Complete a 3 – 4-year bachelor's degree. Architecture schools in Victoria have bachelor courses that dovetail into their Master of Architecture programs. Some architecture schools accept bachelor courses that aren't related to architecture.

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## STEP 3: complete an accredited master's degree.

Complete an accredited Master of Architecture degree at one of the following universities:

Monash University  
RMIT University  
Swinburne University  
Deakin University  
The University of Melbourne

## STEP 3: Complete the Architectural Practice Examination

There are three parts to the [examination](#).

- 1: logbook and statement of experience.
- 2: National Examination Paper.
- 3: examination by interview.

## STEP 4: Registration

Register with the Architects Registration Board of Victoria.

# Course Summary

## LA (Lowest ATAR)

Lowest ATAR to receive entry into the course excluding any adjustment factors for the 2024 January intake (VTAC applicants).

## LSR (Lowest Selection Rank)

Lowest selection rank inclusive of ATAR + adjustment factors to receive entry into the course for the 2024 January intake (VTAC applicants).

## L/N

Not published: lowest ATAR for the 2024 January intake.

## RC

Range of Criteria.

University	Course	LA	LSR
<b>Monash University</b> Caulfield	Bachelor of Architectural Design	65.00	75.00
	Bachelor of Architectural Design (Indigenous Entry) ATAR for applicants who are eligible for the Monash Guarantee	65.00 75.00	
	Bachelor of Architectural Design / Master of Architecture (Packaged Offer)	66.55	75.60
	Bachelor of Architectural Design / Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) ATAR for applicants who are eligible for the Monash Guarantee	77.55 80.00	85.65
	Master of Architecture		Graduate entry
<b>RMIT University</b> Melbourne City	Bachelor of Architectural Design	RC	
	Master of Architecture		Graduate entry
<b>Deakin University</b> Geelong Waterfront	Bachelor of Design (Architecture)	60.20	72.10
	Bachelor of Design (Architecture) (Regional Access Scheme) ATAR for applicants who are eligible for the Guaranteed ATAR Program ATAR for applicants who are eligible for the Indigenous Access Scheme	50.00 67.00 N/A	
	Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Master of Architecture	76.80	82.10
	Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Master of Architecture (Regional Access Scheme) ATAR for applicants who are eligible for the Guaranteed ATAR Program	50.00 78.00	
	Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours)	70.45	80.70
	Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) (Regional Access Scheme) ATAR for applicants who are eligible for the Guaranteed ATAR Program	50.00 75.00	
	Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Bachelor of Property and Real Estate Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Bachelor of Property and Real Estate (Regional Access Scheme) ATAR for applicants who are eligible for the Guaranteed ATAR Program	L/N 50.00 67.00	
	Master of Architecture		Graduate entry

University	Course	LA	LSR
Swinburne University Hawthorn	Bachelor of Design (Architecture) Guaranteed ATAR	60.40 80.00	70.35
	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Guaranteed ATAR Early Entry	59.35 75.00 ATAR no longer required	70.05
	Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours) Guaranteed ATAR Early Entry	59.55 70.00 ATAR no longer required	67.90
	Master of Architecture	Graduate entry	
The University of Melbourne Parkville	Bachelor of Design	88.00	
	ATAR for applicants eligible for the Access Melbourne guaranteed ATAR program.	74.00	
	Bachelor of Design / Master of Architecture (Graduate Degree Package)	95.00	
	Master of Architecture	Graduate entry	



Monash has three entry options for Architecture.

## 1: UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for Year 12 leavers.

### Step 1

Complete one of the following course options:

Bachelor of Architectural Design (3-years).  
 Bachelor of Architectural Design / Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) (5-years).



### Step 2

Complete the Master of Architecture (2-years).

## 2: PACKAGED OFFER

Year 12 leavers can apply for the 5-year Bachelor of Architectural Design / Master of Architecture course package.

## 3: GRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree. There are two entry points into the Master of Architecture:

2-year entry: applicants who have completed an Australian Bachelor of Architectural Design (or equivalent).

3-year entry: applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree in any discipline.

## Architecture at Monash

Studying architecture at Monash sets you up for an exciting and varied career. You'll combine your creative vision and technical design expertise to shape the future of our environments.

The Master of Architecture will train you to be an integrated urban professional, an agent of change with the vision to design progressive architecture that responds to the dynamic needs of contemporary society and speculates about the future of our built environment.

As a student you will undertake high-level study in specialised areas of architecture, from housing and urban design to digital practices. Through project-based design studios you will gain exposure to leading design practices.

### Emerge at the top of your field

We're ranked number 52 in the world and 3 in Australia for architecture in the Times Higher Education 2024 rankings by subject.

### Learn from award winning teachers

Our academics are practising and award-winning professionals in architecture, urban planning and design.

### Studio based learning

You'll spend half your degree in the studio, which replicates the way many architectural and design practices operate. Each semester you can choose from a range of projects in studio with different subjects, practitioners and approaches to architectural practice, which means you can shape your education and future career by selecting studios that align with your interests and passions.

## Professional recognition

The master's degree is recognised by:

- Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARVB).
- Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA).
- Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA).

## How to apply for the bachelor degree and packaged offer

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## Course information

Click [here](#).

## Guaranteed ATAR programs

The following programs provide a guaranteed ATAR for the Bachelor of Architectural Design. Note: the ATARs listed below are relevant for the 2024 intake and may change for the 2025 intake.

### Monash Guarantee

The guaranteed ATAR for applicants who are eligible for the [Monash Guarantee](#) program is 75.00. Applicants apply for the scheme via [SEAS](#). Applications will open on 29 July via VTAC and close on 11 October 2024.

### Monash Indigenous Entry Scheme

The guaranteed ATAR for applicants who are eligible for the Monash Indigenous Entry Scheme is 65.00. Applicants can apply for the 'Indigenous Entry' tagged course via VTAC when applications open on 29 July 2024. Click [here](#) for information.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus
Bachelor of Architectural Design	Minimum study score of 27 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Caulfield
Bachelor of Architectural Design (Indigenous Entry)	Minimum study score of 27 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Caulfield
Bachelor of Architectural Design / Master of Architecture (Packaged Offer)	Minimum study score of 27 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Caulfield
Bachelor of Architectural Design / Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)	Minimum study scores of: 27 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; 25 in Mathematical Methods (any) or Specialist Mathematics; 25 in Chemistry or Physics.	Clayton

RMIT has two entry options for architecture.

## 1: UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for Year 12 leavers.

### Step 1.

Complete the Bachelor of Architectural Design (3-years).



### Step 2.

Complete the Master of Architecture (2-years).

## 2: GRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree. To be eligible you must have successfully completed an Australian architecture specific bachelor degree (or equivalent overseas qualification).

## Architecture at RMIT

At RMIT, architecture is focused on design. You'll explore innovative practices in an environment that promotes project-based research, critical debate and rigorous enquiry.

RMIT is globally recognised for its contribution to architecture. Our architecture course graduates achieve at the highest levels of their professions around the world. By studying here, you'll engage with some of Australia's most respected architects and business leaders through work-integrated learning and develop the necessary skills to become a design innovator.

## Why you should consider studying architecture at RMIT

### Recognition

Ranked #1 in Australia and #18 in the world for courses in Architecture and Built Environment (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024).

### Industry connections

RMIT Architecture is renowned for its strong, long-standing links with industry through our teaching staff, many of whom are internationally recognised award-winning practicing architects.

### Design studios

RMIT Architecture's highly celebrated design studios are situated within an urban campus, which means you will be immersed in a laboratory of design exploration and at the centre of innovation.

Design studios provide a unique way of exploring ideas by challenging future designers. Studios are run by academics and practicing design leaders from local and international architectural and design firms.

### International opportunities

RMIT Architecture has a huge range of international exchange agreements with universities in the USA, Europe and Asia. You'll also have the opportunity to choose design studios that require overseas travel, to work with students from international universities.

Recent design studios have included collaborations with students in Berlin, Germany and architecture practices in Shanghai, China.

## Professional recognition

- Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA).
- Architects Registration Board of Victoria.
- Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

## How to apply for the Bachelor degree

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## Is there an early entry program?

The Bachelor of Architectural Design isn't eligible for the RMIT Early Entry Program. Selection for the course is based on merit on the assessment of a selection task.

## Course information

Click [here](#)

Course	Selection criteria	Campus
Bachelor of Architectural Design	Prerequisites: Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne City
	Selection task: applicants will need to complete and submit a selection task. Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview. Information will be released in early August 2024.	

Swinburne has two entry options for Architecture.

## 1: UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for Year 12 leavers.

### Step 1.

Complete one of the following undergraduate degrees:

Bachelor of Design (Architecture).  
 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (major in Architectural).  
 Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours) (Advanced Minor in Architecture).



### Step 2.

Study one of the following 2-year Master degrees at Swinburne:

Master of Architecture  
 Master of Architecture and Urban Design

## 2: GRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree. To be eligible you must have successfully completed an Australian architecture specific bachelor degree (or equivalent overseas qualification).

## Architecture at Swinburne

At Swinburne, we believe in building environments that learn from the past, while embracing new technology. That's why our built environment and architecture courses focus on rigorous craftsmanship, as well as innovation. We'll help you realise your creative potential as you develop your design skills and knowledge.

You'll embrace digital innovation, environmental sustainability, ethics and spatial awareness while using state-of-the-art digital technologies in your projects.

An advancing society needs structures that look to the future. When you study architecture, you'll graduate with an understanding of how to design buildings that promote sustainable living, flexible work and beautiful design.

You'll be equipped to enter the global workforce in architecture roles for private and corporate architecture firms, government organisations or development organisations in the building and design sectors.

## Master degrees

### Master of Architecture

Swinburne's Master of Architecture provides you with theoretical knowledge along with practice-based studio learning. This course offers a framework for exploring modern design practices that involve, evidence-based approaches, and the use of information retrieval, search algorithms, and optimisation techniques. You'll also learn about data analysis, theory, and fabrication. This qualification allows you to practice as a registered architect.

### Master of Architecture and Urban Design

Cities are growing faster than ever, with over fifty per cent of the world's population now living in one. Gain the skills and knowledge required to respond to this challenge of mass urbanisation with our Master of Architecture and Urban Design. You'll learn how to design for healthy city futures by embracing creative and speculative design thinking, alongside engaging with people, data and advanced technologies.

## Professional accreditation

Both Master programs are accredited with the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA).

## How to apply for the Bachelor degree/s

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## Course information

Click [here](#)

## Guaranteed ATAR Program

Guaranteed ATARs for the Bachelor courses are listed below:

Bachelor of Design (Architecture): 80.00  
 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours): 75.00  
 Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours): 70.00.

## Early entry program

The following Bachelor courses are eligible for the Swinburne [Early Entry Program](#):

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)  
 Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours)

Selection is based on your responses to a Next\_Gen questionnaire and a recommendation from your school. Successful applicants will have the ATAR removed as an entry requirement into the course. Applications are now open and close on 17 October 2024.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus
Bachelor of Design (Architecture)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Hawthorn
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	Minimum study scores of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 20 in one of Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics.	Hawthorn
Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours)	Minimum study scores of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 20 in one of Art, Interactive Digital Media C or VET Creative and Digital Media, Product Design and Technology, Media, Studio Arts, or Visual Communication Design.	Hawthorn



Deakin has three entry options for architecture.

## 1: UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for Year 12 leavers.

### Step 1.

Complete one of the following Bachelor courses at Deakin:

Bachelor of Design (Architecture).  
 Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours).  
 Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Bachelor of Property and Real Estate.



### Step 2.

Complete one of the following master's degrees:

Master of Architecture (2-years).  
 Master of Architecture / Master of Construction Management (3-years).

## 2: PACKAGED OFFER

Year 12 leavers can apply for the 5-year Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Master of Architecture course package.

## 3: GRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree. To be eligible you must have successfully completed an Australian architecture specific bachelor degree (or equivalent overseas qualification).

## Architecture at Deakin

Discover what's possible for our physical environments through smart, sustainable and innovative design. From residential and cultural to commercial and industrial; study real-world projects in our award-winning facilities.

You'll be guided by passionate teachers who empower you to turn your big ideas into the homes, buildings and cities of the future. Gain a competitive advantage with practical skills and real-world expertise – our industry-aligned architecture courses are hands-on from day one.

### Collaborative learning

Architecture students work closely with construction management students. This unique learning approach helps our graduates stand out to future employers.

### Strong industry connections

Our courses have strong links to industry, including field trips, site visits and guest lectures from experts in the field. You will gain valuable work experience while building professional networks to ensure you graduate work ready.

### Reputation

Deakin is ranked in the top 1% for architecture and built environment globally. This rating highlights our world-class facilities, research impact, and academic and employer reputation.

### World class teaching

Study at an award-winning and architecturally significant former wool store. Overlooking Corio Bay, our unique Geelong Waterfront Campus houses a modern, well-equipped workshop, flexible studio space and gallery.

## Professional recognition

The master degrees are recognised by:

- Australian Institute of Architects
- Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARVB)
- Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACAA).
- Board of Architects Malaysia.

## Combined Degrees

Students can apply to combine the Bachelor of Design (Architecture) with either of the following degrees:

Bachelor of Property and Real Estate.  
 Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours).

## Pathway options

If you don't receive an offer for the Bachelor of Design (Architecture), there are pathway options available. Click [here](#) for information.

## How to apply for the bachelor degree/s

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## Indigenous applicants

Applicants can apply for the Bachelor of Design (Architecture) through the NIKERI Institute. They can also apply for the indigenous Access Scheme. Click [here](#) for information.

## Course information

Click [here](#).

Course	Prerequisites	Campus
Bachelor of Design (Architecture)	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Geelong Waterfront
Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Master of Architecture.	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Geelong Waterfront
Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours)	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Geelong Waterfront
Bachelor of Design (Architecture) / Bachelor of Property and Real Estate.	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Geelong Waterfront

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The University has four entry options for architecture.

## 1: UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for Year 12 leavers.

### Step 1.

Complete the 3-year Bachelor of Design majoring in Architecture or a combined major with Architecture + Construction or Architecture + Landscape Architecture.

### Step 2.

Complete either of the master courses listed below:

Master of Architecture (2-years).  
Master of Architectural Engineering (3-years).

## 2: GRADUATE DEGREE PACKAGE

Year 12 leavers can apply for the 5-year Bachelor of Design / Master of Architecture [Graduate Degree Package](#). The minimum ATAR to be considered for entry is 95.00.

## 3: CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLAR

Year 12 leavers who achieve an ATAR of 99.90 and start the Bachelor of Design at the University in the year after they graduate will be eligible for the [Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship](#). As a Chancellor's Scholar, they will be guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place in the Master of Architecture.

## 4: GRADUATE ENTRY

This pathway is for applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree. There are two entry points into the Master of Architecture:

2-year entry: applicants who have completed an Australian Bachelor of Architectural Design (or equivalent).

3-year entry: applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree in any discipline.

### Architecture @ UniMelb

Architecture today is the product of many disciplines, which is reflected in the diversity of choice at the Melbourne School of Design.

Urban design, planning, cost management, digital design and fabrication, engineering, environmental design, materials science, construction, landscape, art and the social sciences overlap to inform what we do as architects.

Design lies at the heart of the architectural process. You will learn how to use technology to represent environments in 2D and 3D (analogue and digital), develop expertise in structural and material systems as well as building science and environmental systems, and gain a deep appreciation for design history (architectural, landscape and urban).

Your learning will be put into practice in design studio classes. Along with lectures and tutorials, you'll attend site visits and spend time in the fabrication workshop and research library, where ideas, skills and knowledge can be learned, shared, debated and tested.

The Melbourne School of Design has a unique [Studio](#) teaching format. At the start of each semester students select from an array of different studio concepts that change regularly to reflect the changing face of Architecture.

Each studio iteration works to a different design brief so you can select studios that allow you to explore different areas of interest or build upon a specific one.

## Professional recognition

The Master of Architecture meets the requirements of the professional associations listed below:

- Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV).
- Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA).
- Royal Australian Institute of Architecture (RAIA).

## Combined major

In the Bachelor of Design students can apply to combine the Architecture major with one of the following two majors: Landscape Architecture or Construction.

NB: there are [Mathematics prerequisites](#) for the Construction major.

## Access Melbourne

Applicants who are eligible for the following [Access Melbourne](#) categories can access the following guaranteed ATARs for the Bachelor of Design: 74.00 for general entry and 70.00 for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants (these ATARs may change for the 2025 intake).

- Disadvantaged financial background
- Resident of a regional or remote area
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student

## How to apply for the bachelor degree and Graduate Degree Package

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## Course information

Click [here](#).

Course	Prerequisites	Campus
Bachelor of Design	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Parkville
Bachelor of Design / Master of Architecture (Graduate Degree Package)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	