



BAS(Hons) Programme Administrative Assistant

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BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES (BAS) HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMME

The BAS (Hons) is a degree in architecture that pursues advanced vocational and discipline-specific knowledge, skills and competencies related to the history, theory, technology and practice of architecture. The course of study extends the base of knowledge through graduate study with particular emphasis on architectural design. It is focused on developing creative and critical inquiry, reflective understanding and cultural, social and technical knowledge in preparation for self-motivated independent learning. The BAS(Hons) fits within a succession of qualifications leading towards professional qualification in architecture. It is a prerequisite qualification for admission into the Master of Architecture (Professional).

The programme aims to develop a student's ability to: analyse and interpret knowledge critically; engage in critical debate; integrate knowledge of the social, political, economic and professional context with architectural design; frame design questions critically; evaluate and critically appraise a design brief; formulate an appropriate design response to context and site; produce a coherent and well resolved architectural design; integrate a theoretical approach in an architectural design; engage with current technological norms and practices; interpret regulatory and legal aspects, basic concepts of business structures, and management and administration pertaining to the practice of architecture; develop knowledge of the principles and theories associated with visual, thermal and acoustics environments; apply a working knowledge of architectural research methods; and, undertake independent research.

A basic curriculum forms the structure of the programme with design as the core. Design excellence requires not only skilful manipulation of form, but also inspiration from a broad body of knowledge. Design Studio is structured to foster creative and responsible investigation by way of complex architectural problems with supporting courses offering an expansive field of advanced knowledge. Five areas of study support design:

- History and Theory of Architecture – a survey of ideological and aesthetic terms of architectural theory and criticism by way of locating a close reading of primary texts within a broader social and cultural context.
- Advanced Building Technology – an investigation of how the interaction of systems of structure, enclosure, environment, materials, and detailing
- Architectural Design and Research Methods – an investigation of practices and strategies that inform an analysis, synthesis and representation of ideas in architectural writing and design.
- Professional Practice – an introduction to the legal and ethical complexities of present day architectural practice.
- Electives permit the student freedom to pursue some courses in related areas appropriate to their individual professional goals, skills and interests.

The diverse programmes presented in the School offers the opportunity for cross-disciplinary design projects with the programmes in Urban Design and Landscape Architecture, thereby offering learners the possibility to pursue interdisciplinary approaches.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018

Entry into the BAS (Hons) programme is **restricted** to students with a Bachelor of Architectural Studies (or equivalent) degree. Please note that the UCT BAS (Hons) degree consists of one full year of study and is a **prerequisite** qualification for admission into the Master of Architecture (Professional) (NQF 8).

In order for your application to be considered; you are required to submit the following items directly to the School:

1. An A3 portfolio showing evidence of a creative and balanced interest in architecture. Applicants are referred to the criteria for competence and are encouraged to show the process, development and thinking behind the work, not just the product. The portfolio should contain:
 - any three design products of which you are the author/creator
 - the final design project submitted in the undergraduate programme (BAS or equivalent)
 - at least one CAD drawing, of which you are the author;
report on 'six-months uninterrupted practical experience in the office of the same registered architect' (worksheets signed by employer and photographic portfolio on travels, for professional and group projects, the type and extent of the applicant's personal involvement should be indicated)
The portfolio should be considered a design problem.
2. All supporting documentation are to be included in the front section of your A3 portfolio document;
3. All material should be hard copy: **NO** material in the form of slides, CD's, videos or in any other electronic form will be considered.
4. A certified copy of your undergraduate degree certificate*;
5. A certified copy of your marks transcript*;
6. A copy of your own academic writing that has been evaluated at your previous institution of study;
7. Curriculum vitae with two contactable references*;
8. A one-page letter of motivation to support your application.

*** Not required of graduates from the UCT Bachelor of Architectural Studies Degree.**

*****NB: Please note that one certified copy of '4' and '5' above is to be sent to both the School of Architecture and the Admissions Office; if you are not a UCT BAS graduate.***

Application forms: The UCT Application form is available on the UCT website:

<http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/applications/forms/> to download or to make online application. For further queries contact the Admissions Office on 021 650 4556/2129. All completed forms are to be sent directly to:

The Admissions Office
University of Cape Town
Level 4, Room 4.03
Masingene Building
Middle Campus
Rondebosch
7700

The closing date for the submission of application forms is **Wednesday, 31 October 2018**. The academic degree code for BAS (Hons) is EH006. ***Please note that no late entries will be accepted.***

Applicants from abroad: Please contact the International Academic Programme Office (IAPO) at the University on 021 650 2822/3740 with regard to special conditions for both fees and study permits.

Portfolios including the academic writing, CV and letter of motivation: These documents must be included in your portfolio and submitted directly to:

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The closing date for submission of your portfolio is **Wednesday, 31 October 2018 by 15h00**. ***No late submissions will be accepted.***

Evaluation of applicants and portfolios: Final evaluation will take place towards mid December 2018. You will receive official notification about the outcome of your application directly from the Faculty Office of Engineering and the Built Environment by the **end of December 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter**. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the School should you wish to know whether your application for study has been accepted or not.

“Applicants might be requested to present themselves for an interview with the Selection Committee either in person or via Skype.”

Student fee enquiries: The fees for 2019 will only be approved in the final quarter of 2018. For all fee related enquiries please phone the UCT Fees Office directly: (021) 6502144/5 or 650-4076 or email fnf-feeeng@uct.ac.za.

Bursary enquiries: Contact the Postgraduate Funding Office on (021) 650-3926.

Student housing enquiries: Contact Student Housing and Residence Life on (021) 650-2429.

General information: Please visit the University of Cape Town's website, you will find it most informative. The address is www.uct.ac.za. The website for the School of Architecture and Planning is www.apg.uct.ac.za. The website for the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment is www.ebe.uct.ac.za.

NB:

The School receives a high number of applications for a limited number of places.

For equity reasons NO individual feedback will be given to unsuccessful applicants.

Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to consider:

i.) to re-apply

ii.) apply at another institution

iii.) applying in a different but related discipline