Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title
CTMARCH	MArch Architecture and Urbanism

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

The Architecture award is intended to equip graduates with the knowledge, skills and professional accreditation from the Architects Registration Board (ARB) for Part II.

The Programme will be seeking prescription by the Architects Registration Board (ARB) at Part 2 level, for the purpose of registration in the UK.

Students develop professionally through supervision, reflection and by articulating their practice in projects, writing, research and presentations.

This programme has strong connections with local and global architectural practices - including BDP, DAAP Design, Lang O'Rourke, and Labit Group - with students spending a portion of their studies working "as in" practices and through an office-structure within the School as part of their modules.

Across the modules, we integrate design, professional practice, histories, theories and technology.

The course is particularly interested in research and analysis of fringe conditions, peripheries, rapid and sustainable urban growth, future, smart and digital cities, in connection with local communities and inclusive societies.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2021 - 2022
The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. For MArch Architecture and Urbanism students the academic year is split into two Semesters (A & B). Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by assessment (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 27 September 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022

- Semester B runs from Monday 24 January 2022 to Friday 13 May 2022

- Semester C runs from Monday 16 May 2022 to Friday 09 September 2022

- *For further details, please visit: https://www.herts.ac.uk/study/term-and-semester-dates*

Additional expenses

Please see below a list of expected materials you will need for your studies. You will be given detailed lists when the course starts.

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Supplies	1-2	mandatory	£400
Initial kit, including Scissors, Swann Morton Scalpel Handle no.3, Swann Morton Blades 10A), Cutting mat (size 600x450mm minimum), 30cm metal ruler, Pencil sharpener, and Craft knife.	1	Mandatory	£40
USB memory drives	1-2	Mandatory	£20
Laptop*	1	Optional, yet highly recommended	£1200 upwards (depending on specs)
Consumables			
A4 hardback sketchbook x2, A3 hardback sketchbook, A4 lined notepad, UHU Glue, Pritt Stick, PVA Glue, Spray mount, Masking tape, Eraser, Basic set of acrylic paints, Coloured pencils, Sellotape, Double sided tape, Basic set of drawing pencils, Markers in 5 – 10 colours (eg pantone or Copic, Tracing papers (roll, and singular sheets in A4 and A3 sizes), Mechanical pencils (0.5, 0.7 + leads), Card, Blue foam and foam boards, Acrylic, Acetate, Perspex, Balsawood, Timber, Resin and clay for models, Blu-Tack, Pins, Needles, Figurines, trees and similar for models.	ongoing	Mandatory	£150**
Other costs			
Study trips***	ongoing	Optional	£400 per year
Site visits****	ongoing	Mandatory	£60
Competition entry	3	Optional	£100-200
Magazines and books	ongoing	Optional	£200
Printing and binding	ongoing	Mandatory	£200-£300
London Trade Shows/events/talks	ongoing	Optional	£100

There is a student store which has some art/ making materials available at a student discount.
Also, many of the university workshops have recycled, or discounted materials made available. Students can consult with workshop staff for advice on this.

Note: Materials do not have to all be brand new purchases – we encourage students to recycle materials, which can often be found for free. For example, cardboard, and timber pallets can be used to make models and prototypes.

*COMPUTERS

PCs and MACs are available in the School, but many students choose to buy their own laptops, with customised graphics capability. Currently the typical recommended specification is:

- MINIMUM Core i5 Processor RECOMMENDED Core i7 or Core i9 Processor
- 8 GB or more of RAM (16 GB+ recommended)
- Graphics Card: MINIMUM 512 MB Video Memory (1GB+ recommended).

You may also wish to buy your own software licences, such as those for Rhino and Photoshop, many are available with a student discount. All the software included in the Autodesk Suite (Autocad, Revit, 3DMax, Maya etc.) are free for students for educational use only.

** This is an indicative cost – how much you use and need to replace these supplies will depend on your own style of working and process

***STUDY TRIPS
Europe and overseas. Typically, there is a minimum option of one field trip offered each year. These are Optional. Destinations will vary year by year, but as a guideline:
£400 - £1000 air fare (Former=Europe, Latter = Overseas) with accommodation included.
Also allow extra for subsistence (eg. food), and local travel (eg. public transport).

****Local trips
You will be required to pay costs for any local/ short UK based field trips (eg to London, Welwyn etc.).