

## Information for offer holders: M ARCH: Architecture

This document contains important information from your course team about what to expect from your studies, including what kit you'll need to participate in your course.

We recommend visiting our [Coronavirus information](#) pages regularly for the latest advice and support to help you study safely.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to M ARCH: Architecture in September. We want to tell you a little more about our plans for 2021/22 academic year.

Covid-19 has presented challenges for everyone over the last year, but it has also presented opportunities to develop and reflect on our teaching and learning in relation to our disciplines in art, design and performance. We intend for the majority of your teaching time to be timetabled on-campus. Using student and staff feedback from this year we have developed our teaching principles to achieve a blend of online and on-campus learning experiences appropriate to your subject discipline.

The majority of your teaching time will be timetabled on-campus. We know that the opportunity to learn face-to-face in groups is important and is also a great way to teach and learn your subject discipline. You will be expected to attend these sessions on-campus. Where possible your on-campus teaching sessions will be timetabled on no more than two days to minimise your travel. Whilst you are on-campus, there will be study areas including our library for you to book space to work in.

Lectures will be delivered online but will always be recorded and available for you to watch again later at your own pace. Inductions, digital resources, software and packages will be taught online, allowing you to acquire industry relevant skills. One-to-one and group tutorials will be delivered on-site but provisions will be made to join remotely where required. Smaller group workshops and peer to peer reviews will take place on-site. Walks and other site visits will take place in person abiding by social distancing guidelines. Formative and summative reviews will take place online to allow the larger student cohort to join and allow us to draw on national and international expert guests to contribute to the work.

Each course unit is designed to be a blend of learning experiences for the subject discipline.

### Course units

Unit name	Credits	Delivery mode
Unit 1 - Methodologies for Architectural Engagement	60	Blended. Online lectures and seminars, on-campus workshops and group tutorials.
Unit 2 - Design Research in Architectural Practice	60	Blended. Online lectures and seminars, on-campus workshops and group tutorials.

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Unit 3 - Constructing in Detail	20	Blended. Online lectures and seminars, on-campus workshops and group tutorials.
Unit 4 - Innovating in Architectural Practice 2	60	Blended. Online lectures and seminars, on-campus workshops and group tutorials.
Unit 5 – Reflecting on Professional Practice	40	Blended. Online lectures and seminars, on-campus workshops and group tutorials.

The table includes all units for this course. However, as the course is delivered over two academic years, you will not be undertaking all units listed in 2021/22. Therefore, there may be some changes in delivery for 2022/23 (the second year of your course). Any changes to delivery for 2022/23 will be communicated to you over the next twelve months.

There will be a programme of online and on-campus induction events called Big Welcome, so look out for emails telling you more about these. There will also be course induction events in your first week.

We know from experience that things can change very rapidly, so we have plans in place just in case we must adapt to further restrictions or other events, and we have designed our timetables to make this possible. Your timetable will be published in early September, and we look forward to welcoming you when term starts.

## Course modifications

The course has undergone modifications (changes) ahead of you joining in the autumn. Modifications offer the opportunity for course teams to review the course and implement changes to enhance the student experience.

As a result of the modifications, the following changes have been approved:

- The course overview, course detail, learning and teaching methods and assessment methods sections (as detailed on the course webpage) have been revised.
- M ARCH Architecture is professionally accredited by the RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) and the ARB (Architects Registration Board), and provides graduating students with RIBA Part 2 qualification. The course Aims and Objectives, Unit Descriptions and Learning Outcomes are mapped alongside RIBA criteria (Graduate Attributes) and ARB criteria, in order to satisfy the requirements of the course's professional accreditation.
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The overall content of the units remains very similar to that offered before the restructuring.

All updated information can be found in the course's [Programme Specification \(PDF file, 1.3 MB\)](#).

## Key contacts

More details about your curriculum can be found on our [M ARCH: Architecture course page](#).

Download the full [M ARCH: Architecture course overview \(PDF, 8.6MB\)](#).

**Course Leader:** Andreas Lang ([a.lang@csm.arts.ac.uk](mailto:a.lang@csm.arts.ac.uk)) is your main point of contact for any questions you may have about your course curriculum.

**Programme Administrators:** Helen Danks and Matt Spencer ([spatialpractices.admin@csm.arts.ac.uk](mailto:spatialpractices.admin@csm.arts.ac.uk)) will be able to help with any other matters.

## Your course kit list

We recommend waiting until you're notified you're eligible to enrol before purchasing your course kit.

### Digital kit

The minimum kit list to engage with UAL learning is:

1. Laptop or desktop computer (Mac or PC)
2. Stable internet connection
3. Ear/headphones which work with your laptop or desktop – preferably with an inbuilt microphone.
4. A standalone webcam if your laptop or desktop does not already have one.
5. Basic office software. You can download up to five free copies of the [Office365](#) suite.

### Discounts and benefits

As a UAL student you have access to a range of educational discounts to assist with your studies. Read our [IT software and discounts](#) page to find out more.

#### Adobe Creative Cloud UAL student deal

You can access Adobe Creative Cloud programmes for free whilst on site, however you may want flexibility and guaranteed access at other times.

The UAL student deal gives you a subscription to the full Adobe Creative Cloud suite, plus 100GB of cloud storage until Saturday 13 August 2022 for a single £48 payment.

You should check your course requirements and [information on alternative software](#) before purchasing. If you need access to more than two Adobe Creative Cloud applications or want to access them remotely, it's worth considering this offer.

The deal will be available on the [UAL eStore](#) from 14 August 2021 for all UAL students. Read our [Get Adobe Creative Cloud for £48](#) story for details.

#### University Equipment Hardship Fund

If you think you may need financial support to purchase equipment to access online learning, the [University Equipment Hardship Fund](#) may be able to help.