

Architecture BSc (Hons)



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Why choose De Montfort University

Founded in 1870, De Montfort University (DMU) Leicester has grown into a global institution with 26,000 students and 2,600 staff. Our passionate and enthusiastic lecturers have excelled in the National Teaching Fellowship awards – the most prestigious awards for excellence in higher education. Our academics have industry experience, and our researchers have made a real difference in people's lives.

Our courses embed employability in their curriculum, and our research feeds into students' learning. DMU Leicester has been ranked in the top 20 universities for graduate prospects in The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020. Previous DMU graduates have gone on to win Oscars and work with organisations such as the BBC, HSBC, Nike, BMW and the NHS. At DMU Dubai, we welcome students from all backgrounds and are proud to offer the perfect combination of award-winning teaching, excellent facilities and a fantastic student experience.

Schools and Departments

All De Montfort University (DMU) students belong to one of our four faculties. Each faculty delivers a wide range of courses to students, oversees world-changing research, and fosters enviable commercial links that inform our teaching and ensure DMU courses are relevant to modern employers.

The Faculty of Arts, Design and Humanities brings together DMU's creative disciplines. Its courses range from traditional to boundary-pushing, and research is rated internationally excellent. Names such as shoe guru Jimmy Choo and novelist Adele Parks have lectured students thanks to the faculty's unique industry links.

Education 2030

We want to ensure you have the best learning experience possible and a supportive and nurturing learning community. That's why we're introducing a new block model for delivering the majority of our courses, known as Education 2030. This means a more simplified timetable where you will study one subject at a time instead of several at once. You will have more time to engage with your learning and get to know the teaching team and course mates. You will receive faster feedback through more regular assessment, and have a better study-life balance to enjoy other important aspects of university life.



Course overview

Studying Architecture allows you to pursue a career in an exciting, creative and fast-paced industry that hugely influences the world. In this course, you'll discover how to bring your visions and designs to life, with successful graduates progressing into rewarding careers which have the potential to improve and enhance the lives of countless people. With the knowledge gained as part of this degree, you can witness your work become tangible creations serving the communities around you. You will learn about the history of architecture and design, completing technical, practical and professional exercises relating to ethical architecture in the commercial world. You'll have opportunities to undertake design projects in various spatial, social and topographical settings, from the smallest of residences and objects to complex megacities and events. Graduates pursue successful careers in non-professional pathways using their skills in creative design, strategic thinking, leadership and organisation.

Key features

- Be part of a community working together to change the construction industry from within so that we can be the changemakers the world needs to address the global climate emergency.
- The programme has been designed with reference to the RIBA and ARB criteria. The curriculum provides students with the analytical and practical skills and knowledge required to attain the RIBA Part 1 level (the first step towards formal charters as an architect). However, DMU's BA Architecture in Dubai does not yet offer Part 1 Exemption because it is working towards Validation by the RIBA. This application to RIBA will take place in the fourth year after the first cohort has completed their degree - for the RIBA to consider then awarding retrospective approval to the course and its students' degrees (the usual process for new programmes).
- Please note: This Dubai Campus BSc Architecture course has the same curriculum and studio culture as DMU's UK Architecture course - accredited by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and the Architects Registration Board (ARB). ARB does not accredit courses outside the UK. Applicants should therefore have confidence that the degree will prepare them for the RIBA Part 1 level – and their future careers.
- DMU UK's Leicester School of Architecture (LSA) has a 125-year history of nurturing the next generation of architects with a future-facing curriculum focusing on the 'craft of making'. Create work with real impact in the community by working on live design projects in the city and the region.
- Architecture at DMU UK is in the top 15 for 'Graduate Prospects in the UK, according to The Complete University Guide 2022. Graduates have gone on to work for some of the best architectural practices in the UK and worldwide, including Heatherwick Studio, Make Architects and Shigeru Ban Architects.
- DMU Dubai students can now benefit from the Industry Advisory Board, which comprises leading experts and professionals at the enterprise level. The board provides valuable insights and guidance to ensure the curriculum remains relevant and current with industry trends and demands.

Teaching and assessments

BSc Architecture at DMU Dubai emphasises learning through modelling and making, both manually and digitally, making it an important feature of the course. We encourage and support you to become a productive student by focusing on the design studio as your key learning environment.

You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, studio, and tutorials. Studio culture is a key part of the course and our studio spaces have been developed so that students across all three years of the course work alongside each other. In the design studio you will:

Work and collaborate with peers and tutors in drawing, digital drawing and fabrication, model making, discussion and debate.

Meet regularly with design tutors for small group learning, individual advice and guidance, assessment, and feedback.

Engage in instructional/guidance lectures and workshops to develop key manual and digital techniques.

Have design work reviewed by guest architects and critics

There are a variety of assessments including individual and group project work, individual and group presentations, report writing, essay writing, reflective practice, and portfolio development. You will receive continuous feedback on your work as you progress through the course, culminating in a major design project and dissertation

You will be taught through a combination of lectures, tutorials, seminars, group work and self-directed study. Assessment is through coursework (presentations, essays and reports) Your precise timetable will depend on the optional modules you choose to take, however, in your first year you will normally attend around 20 hours of timetabled taught sessions (lectures and tutorials) each week, and we expect you to undertake at least 21 further hours of independent study to complete project work and research.

Course

Award

Duration

Mode

Delivery

Intake

Annual Fees

Scholarships and flexible payment plans available

Architecture

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3 years

Full time

Day

September

AED 71,610 (including 5% VAT)

Course modules

First year

Block 1: Studio 1: Exploring Architecture

Block 2: Studio 2: Experiencing Architecture

Block 3: Studio 3: Creating Architecture

Block 4: Studio 4: Writing Architecture

Second year

Blocks 1 and 2:

Exploring Ethical and Climate Literacy

Contextualizing Architectural Humanities

Block 3 and 4:

Practicing Ethical Design

Applying Climate Literate Design

Third year

Blocks 1 and 2:

Design Enquiry and Strategy

Critical and Cultural Thinking

Blocks 3 and 4:

Design Proposition and Synthesis

Design Resolution and Professionalism

*All modules are indicative and based on the current academic session.



More info

Entry criteria

GCE A-Level: CCD

CBSE/ ICSE/ All Indian Boards:

Successful completion of Standard XII with a 65% average from the best four subjects excluding Hindi or any other local language, e.g. Punjabi, Gujarati, Tamil and Marathi.

Interview any candidate with 60% or above.

American High School Diploma + SAT:

High School Diploma with a minimum GPA of 3.0 PLUS Advanced Placement, two subjects from group A with grade 3 or above OR SAT2 - 2 subject tests with a minimum score of 500 in each = 1000

UAE Tawjihyya: Entry to IYZ only

International Baccalaureate Diploma: 24 points

BTEC Level 3 Ext Diploma: DMM

African WAEC/ NECO/ WASSCE:

5 "B" grades (**Only for Business Programme**)

FBISE grade 12 (Pakistan): 85%

Curriculum Russian/Kazakhstan: Entry to IYZ only.

English requirements

- **IELTS:** 6.0 (minimum 5.5 in each band)
- **TOEFL Internet-based:** 72 (17 in listening & writing, 20 in speaking and 18 in reading)
- **Pearson PTE Academic:** 51

Students with other qualifications may also be considered. Please scan the QR code or contact Admissions Office for details



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Portfolio required: Yes



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