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Image opposite: Architectural model of proposed Khandallah library by Harry Davis for ARCI 212 Architecture Design Integration I / Te Whakakotahitanga o nga Tikanga Whakarakei Whare I.
Architecture is much more than just designing buildings. It is about understanding what the building is for, who is going to use it, how it will be made, and how it will fit in with its surroundings. Te Kura Waihanga—the Wellington School of Architecture offers a range of programmes that will teach you about all aspects of the built environment.

You will explore the cultural, technological, and creative aspects of architecture. You’ll consider today’s most pressing challenges for contemporary architects and the built environment, both locally and globally.

Studying at the Wellington School of Architecture means you’ll work in world-class design studios using state-of-the-art tools and software alongside global experts in the design and construction of buildings and spaces.

Our students, who are based in the creative heart of Wellington, just off vibrant Cuba Street, regularly engage with industry professionals, forging pathways to their future careers. Our programmes span a range of disciplines at the core of the built environment and have been developed to meet the growing needs of the design and construction sectors.

**OUR DEGREES**

We offer two three-year undergraduate qualifications: the Tohu Paetahi Waihanga—Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) and the Tohu Paetahi Whare Hangahanga—Bachelor of Building Science (BBSc).

The BAS and BBSc share first-year core courses, so you’ll have the option to choose a major that suits your interests and aspirations before your second year. In your first year, you’ll be introduced to a broad range of subjects, including design, technologies, architectural history, environmental science, and urban design, that will give you a solid understanding of the built environment.

**Conjoint degrees**

You can choose to combine your degree with another in a conjoint degree. This will take you less time than completing two degrees separately. Some students combine Architectural Studies with Building Science, and some choose a degree offered at another of the University’s schools. Our student advisers can help you make a plan that will work for you.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/course-planning](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/course-planning)
As we respond to new challenges relating to environmental sustainability, the evolution of technology, and the changing needs of human habitation, we are constantly making and remaking the physical world. With the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS), you will gain the knowledge and practical skills you need to be an innovator in the industry.

You'll gain a solid grounding in a range of subjects, including architectural history, design, environmental science, technologies, theory, and urban design, as the first step on your journey towards a career in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, or interior architecture.

OUR STUDIO APPROACH

The design studio is at the heart of our programme. This is where you learn design by doing it—it’s a forum for reflecting on design ideas by talking about your work. You’ll actively explore the disciplines of architecture and its role in addressing contemporary issues facing the built environment—including changes in society, ecology, and advances in technology. You’ll be encouraged to think and act experimentally while addressing problem-based design projects that range from the abstract and conceptual to real-world situations. In developing your studio work, you’ll interact with, and learn collaboratively from, peers, senior postgraduate students, academic staff, and practising designers.

Design studio courses also provide a powerful platform to apply and explore principles that you learn in other courses, including elective, technology, and history and theory courses.

“I was drawn to the University because of the solid reputation its Architecture course had, as well as the opportunity to live in the vibrant cultural hub of Wellington. University taught me how to critically think through an iterative design process, which has been crucial to my career.”

Kurt Cole
Graduate, Bachelor of Architectural Studies and Master of Landscape Architecture
Urban designer and landscape architect at Boffa Miskell
CAREERS

Our Architecture graduates complete their degrees with an in-demand mix of creative, problem-solving, interpersonal, and technical skills. Our alumni go on to a range of careers, from general practice to specialisations such as acoustics, heritage building conservation, lighting, surveying, or sustainable design and construction. They also move into areas such as arbitration and mediation, building performance, housing policy, and regulatory advice.

Note: If you plan to become a registered architect/landscape architect, you’ll also need to complete the Master of Architecture (Professional)/Master of Landscape Architecture following your Bachelor’s degree.

Potential jobs:

▶ architect
▶ building conservation designer
▶ consultant
▶ designer
▶ environmental designer
▶ interior designer
▶ landscape architect
▶ project manager
▶ urban planner

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A broad selection of school subjects is recommended, and these might include art, design, English, graphics, and any science or technology.

The Guaranteed Entry Score for the BAS is 180 points, based on your NCEA results. If you are an international student, or haven’t done NCEA, your academic suitability will be assessed during the application process. For more information on entry requirements, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/study

Information on degrees, course details, and prescriptions is on our website.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/bas

FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

At the end of your Bachelor’s degree, you can continue to study for a Master’s degree or a PhD—both of which are recognised worldwide. We offer a range of postgraduate qualifications in our six disciplines:

▶ Graduate Certificate in Designed Environments
▶ Graduate Diploma in Designed Environments
▶ Postgraduate Certificate in Architectural Science
▶ Postgraduate Diploma in Architectural Science
▶ Postgraduate Certificate in Designed Environments
▶ Postgraduate Diploma in Designed Environments
▶ Master of Architecture
▶ Master of Architecture (Professional)
▶ Master of Architectural Science

Image: Architectural model by Haoyu Ye for ARCI 212 Architecture Design Integration I / Te Whakakotahitanga o ngā Tikanga Wakarākei Whare I.
DEGREE STRUCTURE

The Bachelor of Architectural Studies is a three-year undergraduate degree.

Your first year
In your first year, you’ll study eight introductory core courses alongside Building Science students, giving you a basic understanding of the principles and theory behind the built environment. These courses give you a broad introduction to the concepts, history, and theory of design, as well as how design is communicated. By the end of your first year, you’ll have a strong grasp of the main ideas, vocabulary, and technology of architecture.

Your second year
You will choose your major at the end of your first year, and in your second year you’ll begin to focus on your chosen major—Architecture, Architecture History and Theory, Interior Architecture, or Landscape Architecture. You’ll look closely at specific areas such as building technologies, culture and heritage, design communication, and site systems and ecology.

Your third year
By this stage, you’ll have developed a good understanding of your major and be confident in your skills and knowledge. You’ll delve even further into your chosen subject and apply what you’ve learnt to large-scale projects and research assignments.

Limited entry
Some courses and programmes admit a limited number of students—this is called limited entry.

Selection into second-year courses for the BAS is based on your academic performance in first-year core courses for the relevant programme. Entry generally requires good grades across all these courses.

The deadline for limited entry programmes is 1 December when applying for the following year. For more information on limited entry, go to our website.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/limited-entry
### BAS degree structure

#### Example: BAS majoring in Architecture

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#### Core courses
- Core courses are the courses you are required to take to complete a Bachelor of Architectural Studies.

#### Major
- A major is the main subject you’ll focus on in your degree.

#### Elective
- Elective courses are courses in other subjects you are interested in and they don’t necessarily need to be related to your major subject.

Total points required: 360
Total points completed: 360
MAJORS

After your first year, you can choose one of four majors.

Architecture

Bringing together the theoretical and the practical, our Architecture programme encompasses the technological, cultural, and creative aspects of our built environment. This includes everything from construction and environmental science to cultural theory and the development of your own creative voice.

Many students intend to become registered architects, and the BAS in Architecture is the first part in meeting the requirements for registration.

Architecture History and Theory

Explore architecture from a cultural and historical angle. Discover how and why we design buildings and spaces from a political and social context. You will investigate the history of architecture in New Zealand and worldwide, studying its origins and the influence architecture has on society now and has had in the past.

Interior Architecture

Interior Architecture teaches you how to design inspiring spaces to live in. You'll explore how people experience an interior through touch, smell, and sight, and how to apply architectural principles in the design of interiors for a range of commercial and residential settings. You'll develop your ability to communicate ideas to a range of clients through a variety of media. You will learn how to design space to have a positive effect on both our psychological wellbeing and environmental impact.

Landscape Architecture

Landscape Architecture is about investigating and creating better design solutions for outdoor spaces. You’ll address contemporary challenges related to climate change, urbanisation, and sustainability, and bring together art, culture, nature, and science to create engaging and functional spaces. You’ll learn how to understand scale, think spatially, and use the latest design software to plan spaces. You’ll graduate with the tools and knowledge to shape our environment with beauty and function.

“I think our teaching is about exposing students to contemporary issues around climate change, urbanisation, and sustainability and then sparking their creativity to come up with the best design solutions to our built environment. In this journey, we all learn from each other.”

Bruno Marques
Associate dean (academic) and senior lecturer, Wellington School of Architecture
“I chose to study here because the programme is so strong and offers a wide range of subjects to complement the core Architecture courses, and the courses are taught by some of the best in the country. There are so many opportunities I feel as though I’ve only scratched the surface.”

Mitchell McLeod
Student, Bachelor of Architecture Studies in Architecture

SPECIALISATION

From 2022, BAS degrees with majors in Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Landscape Architecture can be taken with a specialisation in Māori Design and Environments. In your second or third year, you’ll be able to study dedicated courses such as SARC 216 Mātauranga Māori and the Built and Natural Environment. These courses will complement existing course content, allowing you to focus on specific approaches underpinned by mātauranga Māori.

Go to our website for more information.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/bas
TOHU PAETAHI
WHARE HANGAHANGA
BACHELOR OF BUILDING SCIENCE

The quality of our buildings is vital to our economy, our environment, our health, and our lifestyle. Take your interest in the process and business of creating great buildings—from construction methods, materials, and systems to project management and contractor relations—and contribute to a more sustainable world.

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington is an international leader in the field of building science, and our Bachelor of Building Science (BBSc) is the country’s leading programme devoted to the science of buildings. You will study building construction and sustainability to promote the construction of durable, economic, and healthy buildings, while being aware of architectural design issues.

At the end of three years’ study, you will have the knowledge and skills to begin a satisfying career in the building industry or to continue your study at postgraduate level. Graduates have expertise in the economics, science, and technology of building and an understanding of architecture.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/bbsc

CAREERS

Building Science graduates have a combination of theoretical knowledge and practical experience that meets an urgent need for building science professionals. You will find careers in diverse areas including acoustics, building research and development, heating, lighting, project management, and sustainable design.

Potential jobs:

▶ acoustician
▶ building consent manager
▶ building scientist
▶ fire consultant
▶ heating systems engineer
▶ project manager
▶ quantity surveyor
▶ sustainable systems engineer
▶ zero carbon consultant
FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

At the end of your Bachelor’s degree, you can stay on and study for a Master’s degree, or even a PhD. A BBSc leads to postgraduate study in the one-year (Trimesters 1, 2, and 3) Master of Architectural Science (MArchSc) programme. As a Master’s student, you can extend your undergraduate major in Project Management or Sustainable Engineering Systems and, in the second year, undertake a thesis topic in:

- energy analysis
- lighting
- project management
- sustainable design
- or another area that can be supervised in the Wellington School of Architecture.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/postgraduate-architecture

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A broad selection of school subjects is recommended, and these might include design, graphics, English, mathematics, and any science or technology.

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“My Building Science degree gave me a broad and well-rounded introduction into the construction sector—from construction sequencing and law to sustainable design and superstructure detailing. It gave me the knowledge base to hit the ground running in my career as a project manager, and the skills to combine construction management with sustainability—something unique, but very present in the sector.”

Ben Pilborough
Graduate, Bachelor of Building Science
Project manager at Kāinga Ora
DEGREE STRUCTURE

The Bachelor of Building Science is a three-year undergraduate degree.

Your first year

In your first year, you will study seven core introductory courses and one elective of your choice. Four of the courses will introduce you to the concepts, history, and theory of design, and how design is communicated. Other courses focus on the technology used in creating the built environment and on sustainability.

Your second year

This is the year you will choose your major in either Project Management or Sustainable Engineering Systems. You can also choose to study both majors. You will look more closely at areas such as energy and water use, or managing projects and compliance with relevant legislation.

Your third year

By this stage, you’ll have developed a good understanding of Building Science and your major. You will appreciate the important questions related to sustainability, price, quality of construction, and the skill of people involved. At the end of your third year, you’ll have the knowledge and skills to begin your career in the building industry or move into postgraduate education.

“When I started my studies, I was going to study Architecture, but then I discovered I enjoyed the analytical side of architecture, learning and understanding how the building works, as opposed to how it looks. Understanding this led me into building science and I have never regretted my decision.”

Sarah Buet
Student, Bachelor of Building Science in Project Management and Sustainable Engineering Systems

www.wgtn.ac.nz/bbsc
### BBSc degree structure

**Example: BBSc majoring in Project Management**

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**Core courses**

Core courses are the courses you are required to take to complete a Bachelor of Building Science.

**Major**

A major is the main subject you’ll focus on in your degree.

**Elective**

Elective courses are courses in other subjects you are interested in and they don’t necessarily need to be related to your major subject.

*One of these electives must be a 200- or 300-level elective.*

Total points required: 360

Total points completed: 360
MAJORS

There are two majors available as part of a BBSc: Project Management and Sustainable Engineering Systems. After your first year, you choose to major in one, or both.

Project Management

Majoring in Project Management will give you the skills to manage a construction project, including contract management and effective communication. You will also be able to navigate both construction and environmental law and understand issues around supply, demand, and competition.

Sustainable Engineering Systems

Majoring in Sustainable Engineering Systems will provide you with the practical and theoretical knowledge you need to work in the design and construction of durable, healthy, and sustainable buildings. You'll get the skills you need to design systems that include the efficient use of sustainable materials.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/subjects
WHY WELLINGTON?

We’re at the heart of New Zealand’s creative capital city. You’ll find this an exciting, inspirational, and enjoyable place to learn, study, and design. The Wellington School of Architecture is home to cutting-edge workshop facilities, extensive media labs, augmented- and virtual-reality research studios, huge 3D printing capability, and the largest robotic design laboratory (and robotic arm) in a New Zealand tertiary institution.

You’ll have the opportunity to work with, and learn from, our world-class academics and professional staff in our laboratories, studios, and workshops. You’ll explore your ideas and build your skills, with multiple opportunities to showcase your work and network with industry professionals at the variety of events and exhibitions we hold each year.

KEY DATES

Enrolments open on 10 September in the year before study commences. Applications for study are due on 20 January in the year of study. See our website for key enrolment dates. We’d love to see you at one of our information events—check our website for dates.

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For help with course planning, contact Te Kahupapa—Future Students.
0800 04 04 04
course-advice@vuw.ac.nz
www.wgtn.ac.nz/courses

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OTHER STUDENT RESOURCES

Disability support
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/disability

Māori student support
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/awhina

Pasifika student success
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/pasifika

Rainbow student support
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/rainbow

Scholarships
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships

Student services and support
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-support

AVAILABLE MAJORS

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES
- Architecture
- Architecture History and Theory
- Interior Architecture
- Landscape Architecture

BACHELOR OF BUILDING SCIENCE
- Project Management
- Sustainable Engineering Systems

SPECIALISATION

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES
- Māori Design and Environments (available in BAS degrees majoring in Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Landscape Architecture)