



Ngā Kōrero: Reimagining the Design Process by  
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## Bachelor of Architectural Studies

Architecture is part of the built environment, which can shape a person's experience of a place and even influence how we live. The built environment refers to more than the interior and exterior of a building; it also refers to the spaces between buildings, such as streets, public spaces, and landscapes. Studying Architecture means considering how spaces are used and creating environments that can support how diverse people and communities want to live, work, and play.

If you're interested in being part of designing and shaping the world's built environment—inside and out—choose the Tohu Paetahi Waihanga—Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS), which offers four majors: Architecture, Architecture History and Theory, Interior Architecture, and Landscape Architecture.

In your first year of study, you'll take a set programme of courses that will introduce you to the foundational aspects of the built environment.

For your second year, you can choose a major and undertake a more focused study on this topic. Selection into second-year programmes can be competitive, and where demand exceeds capacity, acceptance into the major is based on your academic performance in the first year.

This degree programme encourages cross-disciplinary study from all four majors. The breadth of the BAS degree will provide you with a thorough grounding in a range of subjects, including construction, design, ecology, environmental science, history and theory, landscapes, management, project management, structural systems, and urban design.

As you learn about these subjects, you will develop key skills that will start you on your journey towards a career in the fields of architecture, interior architecture, landscape architecture, or urban design.

The BAS also allows you to begin exploring your passion for urban design and planning across any major, but particularly in the Landscape Architecture major. For all majors, you will be introduced to both landscape architecture and wider environmental design considerations in your first year, followed by more advanced study in your second and third years, including an urban design course in your third year. If you choose to pursue a postgraduate degree in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or Urban and Regional Planning, you can study urban design and planning in more depth, setting you up for a career in city shaping.

The BAS can be taken with a specialisation in Māori Design and Environments for the following majors only: Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Landscape Architecture. 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 I, SARC 313 Mātauranga Māori and the Built and Natural Environment II, and SARC 315 Critical Urbanism Aotearoa New Zealand. These courses will complement existing course content, allowing you to focus on specific approaches underpinned by mātauranga Māori in relation to the built and natural environments.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The University's Architecture programme is recognised nationally and internationally.

The BAS major in Architecture, along with a Master of Architecture (Professional), fulfils the academic requirements needed to register as an architect with the New Zealand Registered Architects Board and to join the New Zealand Institute of Architects. The BAS major in Interior Architecture, along with a Master of Interior Architecture, is internationally recognised through its affiliation with the International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers and the Interior Design and Interior Architecture Educators Association. The BAS major in Landscape Architecture, along with a Master of Landscape Architecture, is accredited by the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects as fulfilling the academic requirements to become a registered landscape architect. Any major within the BAS, along with the Master of Urban and Regional Planning, is recognised by the New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI). The Master of Urban and Regional Planning is currently being assessed by the NZPI for full accreditation.

In addition to pursuing a pathway that will ensure you're qualified to work as an architect, interior architect, or landscape architect, you may also find that you become suited to a range of related careers (depending on your chosen major and/or if you pursue postgraduate study). These careers include construction consultancy, curatorial work, design consultancy, exhibition and theatre design, project management, urban design, and many more.

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## POSTGRADUATE STUDY

As a Master's student, you can extend your undergraduate major and pursue other areas within your chosen disciplines that can be supervised by Te Kura Waihangā—School of Architecture.

If you want an accredited professional degree in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or Urban and Regional Planning, or a professionally recognised Master of Interior Architecture, you will need to continue into postgraduate study.

Progression into these Master's qualifications is on the basis of academic performance.

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## SCHOOL SUBJECTS

A broad selection of school subjects is recommended. These might include subjects such as Biology, Design, Design and Visual Communication, Digital Technologies, English, History, Mathematics, Physics, or Practical Arts.

A portfolio is not required to get into the first-year programme.

## MAJORS

**Architecture** explores the design of the built environment in response to needs and aspirations, including those of individuals, communities, cultures, or professional organisations. Majoring in Architecture will give you the knowledge to design and construct the buildings and spaces we use every day, understand relevant historical and environmental issues, and solve problems using the latest materials, technologies, and design systems.

**Architecture History and Theory** is a theory-based major encompassing concepts wider than the professionally oriented practical Architecture major. This major is designed for those who are interested in the historical and theoretical concepts that frame and influence the built environment.

**Interior Architecture** explores the design of interior spaces, including how colour, form, light, materials, and shape can influence a person's mood or provoke a particular response. The study of the intimate connection between people and their indoor environments is fundamental. With this major, you'll explore how to design inspiring commercial, residential, and institutional spaces.

**Landscape Architecture** focuses on the design of outdoor spaces, encompassing both natural and built environments, with a focus on creating landscapes that are culturally, economically, environmentally, and socially responsive. Students develop an understanding of issues relating to landscape processes, place, scale, strategy, synthesis, and time.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Three years of full-time study.

A total of 360 points is required:

- ▶ at least 270 points must be from courses listed for the BAS, Bachelor of Building Science (BBSc), Bachelor of Construction (BConst), or Bachelor of Design Innovation (BDI)
- ▶ at least 210 points must be at 200 and 300 level
- ▶ of the 210 points, at least 180 points must be from courses listed for the BAS, BBSc, BConst, or BDI schedule
- ▶ of the 180 points, at least 75 points must be at 300 level in the BAS, BBSc, BConst, or BDI schedule.

Eight core courses at 100 level (in the first year) must be completed (see below). The requirements for one major must be satisfied.

### First year (all majors)

Trimester 1 (1/3)	Trimester 2 (2/3)
SARC 111	SARC 112
SARC 131	SARC 121
SARC 151	SARC 122
SARC 161	SARC 162

### Major in Architecture (ARCI)

**Second year:** ARCI 211, ARCI 212 or SARC 216, ARCI 222, ARCI 251, SARC 221, SARC 223, one elective course.

**Third year:** ARCI 311 or SARC 313, ARCI 312, SARC 321, SARC 351, SARC 352, SARC 362, one elective course.

### Major in Architecture History and Theory (AHTY)

Contact Te Wāhanga Waihangā—Hoahoa—Faculty of Architecture and Design Innovation to learn more about this major, and how you can plan your degree.

### Major in Interior Architecture (INTA)

**Second year:** INTA 211, INTA 212 or SARC 216, INTA 251, INTA 261, SARC 221, SARC 223, one elective course.

**Third year:** INTA 311 or SARC 313, INTA 312, INTA 321, SARC 323, SARC 352, SARC 362, one elective course.


### Major in Landscape Architecture (LAND)

**Second year:** LAND 211, LAND 212 or SARC 216, LAND 221, LAND 222, LAND 251, LAND 261, one elective course.

**Third year:** LAND 311 or SARC 313, LAND 312, LAND 321, SARC 351, SARC 352, SARC 362, one elective course.

A student completing a major in Architecture (ARCI), Interior Architecture (INTA), or Landscape Architecture (LAND) may obtain a Māori Design and Environments Specialisation (MDEN) by including courses SARC 216, SARC 313, and either SARC 315 or SARC 352.

## FIND OUT MORE


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 [VUWArchitectureandDesign](https://www.facebook.com/VUWArchitectureandDesign)

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 [wellington-faculty-of-architecture-and-design-innovation](https://www.linkedin.com/company/wellington-faculty-of-architecture-and-design-innovation)

 [wgtn.ac.nz/bas](http://wgtn.ac.nz/bas)

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## DEGREE EXAMPLES

### BAS majoring in Architecture

YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
SARC 111 15 points	SARC 112 15 points	ARCI 211 15 points	ARCI 212 OR SARC 216* 30 points	ARCI 311 OR SARC 313* 15 points	ARCI 312 30 points
SARC 131 15 points	SARC 121 15 points	ARCI 251 15 points		SARC 351 15 points	
SARC 151 15 points	SARC 122 15 points	SARC 221 15 points	ARCI 222 15 points	SARC 362 15 points	SARC 321 15 points
SARC 161 15 points	SARC 162 15 points	SARC 223 15 points	ELECTIVE 15 points	ELECTIVE 15 points	SARC 315* OR SARC 352 15 points
60 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS
120 POINTS		120 POINTS		120 POINTS	

Total points required: 360  
Total points completed: 360

### BAS majoring in Interior Architecture

YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
SARC 111 15 points	SARC 112 15 points	INTA 211 15 points	INTA 212 OR SARC 216* 30 points	INTA 311 OR SARC 313* 15 points	INTA 312 30 points
SARC 131 15 points	SARC 121 15 points	SARC 223 15 points		SARC 323 15 points	
SARC 151 15 points	SARC 122 15 points	INTA 261 15 points	INTA 251 15 points	SARC 362 15 points	INTA 321 15 points
SARC 161 15 points	SARC 162 15 points	SARC 221 15 points	ELECTIVE 15 points	ELECTIVE 15 points	SARC 315* OR SARC 352 15 points
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120 POINTS		120 POINTS		120 POINTS	

Total points required: 360  
Total points completed: 360

### BAS majoring in Landscape Architecture

YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
SARC 111 15 points	SARC 112 15 points	LAND 211 15 points	LAND 212 OR SARC 216* 30 points	LAND 311 OR SARC 313* 15 points	LAND 312 15 points
SARC 131 15 points	SARC 121 15 points	LAND 221 15 points		SARC 351 15 points	
SARC 151 15 points	SARC 122 15 points	LAND 251 15 points	LAND 222 15 points	SARC 362 15 points	LAND 321 15 points
SARC 161 15 points	SARC 162 15 points	LAND 261 15 points	ELECTIVE 15 points	ELECTIVE 15 points	SARC 315* OR SARC 352 15 points
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KEY: CORE MAJOR ELECTIVE

\*These courses are required for the Māori Design and Environments specialisation (MDEN).



"The course enables and encourages students to push the limits of design. Whether it be challenging us to create functional furniture out of cardboard or having us create parametric designs using coding, it always feels like our perception of architecture is changing. No matter how artistic or mathematical you are, I truly believe the course favours passion over skill. If you enjoy imagining and creating spaces for people to enjoy, a Bachelor of Architectural Studies is the perfect degree for you."

**Gus**

Student, Bachelor of Architectural  
Studies in Architecture

