Architecture on Exchange

Students enrolled in courses offered through the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning are welcome to apply for exchange. Faculty exchange policies are available on the faculty website: http://sydney.edu.au/architecture/current_students/studentAdmin.shtml

In relation to studio space requirements as part of your exchange, it may be easier to obtain studio space at the start of the overseas academic year, which in the northern hemisphere, typically commences in September; however, studios are not guaranteed. Portfolios will be required upon request and additional partner-specific conditions or exclusions may apply.

Undergraduate Exchange in Architecture

Bachelor of Design Computing students:
• may undertake exchanges of one or two semesters in duration.
• are not normally permitted to go on exchange in their final semester.
• cannot go on exchange in Honours.

The structure of this course is unique, as no current exchange partners mirror this program. The easiest way for Design Computing students to incorporate an exchange is by focusing on their Arts, Economics and Science Electives. It can be difficult to prove pre-requisites for Computer Science, Engineering, Film and Animation and Graphics courses at host universities, even though these would be equivalent matches for the Design and Technical requirements of this course. Furthermore, course offerings at host universities for Computer Science, Design, Film and Animation and Graphics are often limited or restricted.

Design Computing students usually apply to University-wide destinations which normally offer courses in Arts, Economics and Science. Previous students have attended:
• McMaster University, Canada
• Malmö University, Sweden
• University of Leeds, United Kingdom
• Northeastern University, USA
• Purdue University, USA
• University of California, USA

Bachelor of Design in Architecture students:
• may undertake exchanges of no more than one semester in duration.
• may undertake exchange in the second semester of 2nd year or first semester of the 3rd year
• are not normally permitted to go on exchange in their final semester.
• cannot go on exchange in Honours.

Suggested exchange destinations for this course are outlined on page 2.

Postgraduate Exchange in Architecture

Master of Architecture students:
Exchange in the Master of Architecture may be undertaken in all semesters, except the final semester. Students may go on exchange for one semester at the commencement of the course and use this both to satisfy the Architectural Experience Requirement for entry to the course, and for credit towards the first year of the program. Students should plan to follow the enrolment pattern prescribed for their chosen semester of exchange as closely as possible. Exchange units should be taken as part of the degree and not in addition to the course requirements. Consideration should be given to how you will be able to complete your course requirements when you return, paying attention to the semester of offer of the core units.

Other Master Courses:
Students in other Master courses may participate for one semester only. Each student’s program must be approved in consultation with the program director of the degree. No program will be approved that involves the completion of more than 50 percent of the core requirements of the degree on exchange. A full list of Masters courses can be found at: http://sydney.edu.au/handbooks/architecture/postgraduate/coursework/.

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Exchange Destinations for Bachelor of Design in Architecture and Masters

Competition amongst Architecture students is high and there are often more applicants than available places, so not all qualified students may be nominated. Host universities also reserve the right to reject applicants due to lack of studio space or due to competition amongst applications from all of their exchange partners. Masters students are given priority for places where a partner offers both undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) entry. Students have the option of considering exchange at a faculty-specific exchange partner university or through a University-wide exchange partner. A faculty-specific placement confirms access to Architecture units but does not guarantee specific courses, particularly studio space. Many faculty partners receive a large number of applications from around the world and may only be able to take 1 architecture student from Sydney per semester. This is, however, not guaranteed as circumstances may change at partner universities without notice.

A university-wide placement does not guarantee access to a full-time study load of Architecture units, particularly studio space, since the agreement is not specific to Architecture. Competition is also higher for university-wide places as applicants from other faculties are also competing. Architecture students should be willing to be flexible with their destination preferences.

Successful applicants from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning are normally distributed across all available destinations, as most host universities are only able to take one or two applicants in this discipline.

Architecture, Design and Planning Exchange Partnerships

- Denmark - Aarhus School of Architecture (UG in Danish, PG in English);
- France - Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Architecture de Strasbourg (UG/PG; French proficiency required);
- Germany - Technical University of Berlin (UG in German; PG in English) - Closed July 2013 deadline;
- Germany - Universitat Stuttgart (UG in German; PG in English; German proficiency required);
- Ireland - University College Dublin (PG only); and
- Italy - Politecnico di Milano (UG/PG, some courses in English); --> NEW AGREEMENT
- Sweden - Lunds Universiteit (PG only);
- The Netherlands - Technische Universiteit Eindhoven (PG only);
- United Kingdom - University of Newcastle (PG only).

Recommended University-wide Exchange Destinations (in English)

Canada
Architecture extremely competitive, portfolio required
- McGill University, School of Architecture B.A. Arch / M. Arch taught
- University of British Columbia - Open at November deadline ONLY (3 years of UG study required to access PG subjects)
- University of Toronto - Open at November deadline ONLY (4 years of UG study required to access PG subjects)

New Zealand
- University of Auckland, National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries

Singapore
- National University of Singapore, School of Design and Environment, Dept of Architecture (UG only)

United Kingdom
- University of Manchester - Open at November deadline ONLY (PG only; 3 years UG study required)

USA
Graduate applicants must have completed 4 years of prior university study at the time of application.
NOTE: The USA is an extremely popular destination for all disciplines and due to current demand, there are insufficient places for all applicants seeking an exchange in the USA.
- University of Arizona, College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (UG only) - Students must participate in classroom-based instruction, i.e. not research or online classes. Studio classes and other Architecture courses are open to exchange students;
- University of California, Berkeley - Design not available. Architecture is highly restrictive. UG students cannot take PG level courses (numbered 200+). Applicants need to submit a portfolio that demonstrates the applicant’s architectural design experience. All applicants should follow special instructions for portfolio requirements;
- University of California, Los Angeles - Open at November deadline ONLY. Architecture is highly restrictive. UG students cannot take PG level courses (numbered 200+). Applicants need to submit a portfolio that demonstrates the applicant’s architectural design experience. All applicants should follow special instructions for portfolio requirements;
- University of Miami, School of Architecture (UG only) - Students must take UG level courses;
- University of North Carolina (State), College of Design at Raleigh - Students can enrol in UG coursework but not PG coursework;
- University of North Carolina (Charlotte), College of Architecture - Students can enrol in UG coursework but not PG coursework.

Information is subject to change (Updated: 05/2013)