UNIVERSITY OF EAST LONDON
COURSE SPECIFICATION

Course Aim and Title	BSc (Hons) Architecture
Intermediate Awards Available	BSc, Cert HE, Dip HE
Teaching Institution(s)	University of East London
UEL Academic School	Architecture, Computing and Engineering
UCAS Code	K100
Professional Body Prescription	Architects Registration Board, Royal Institute of British Architects ARB/RIBA Part 1
Relevant QAA Benchmark Statements	Architecture
Additional Versions of this Course	None
Date Specification Last Updated	July 2020

Course Aims and Learning Outcomes

This course is designed to give you the opportunity to:

- develop your creativity and critical judgement
- develop a high-quality portfolio showing your practical, academic and professional skills
- provide an excellent base for exploring a variety of employment opportunities and for further study in the field of design

What you will learn:

Knowledge
- History & Theory of Architecture, Art & Design
- Technology of Building
- Knowledge of the Building Industry
- Environment and Sustainability
- Regulatory framework in which architecture is produced

Thinking skills
- Use creativity, conceptual skills and judgement to identify human needs and requirements and to meet or express them spatially.

Subject-Based Practical skills
- Ability to use a range of media (drawing, models, computers, photography, film-making) in analysis and representation to create architectural proposals.
- Experience in physical making and the use of workshop facilities.

Skills for life and work (general skills)
- Creativity

- Team working
- Clarity of analysis in spoken and written words, as well as in drawing and other visual media
- Use of a variety of computer software
- Ability to analyse problems and propose solutions
- Understanding how things are made

Learning and Teaching

Knowledge is developed through
- Guided reading
- Knowledge-based activities with feedback
- Class discussions and tasks
- Online discussions and activities

Thinking skills are developed through
- Reflective activities with feedback
- Class discussions and tasks
- Online discussions and activities

Practical skills are developed through
- Designing, drawing and sketching activities with feedback
- Research skills-based activities with feedback

Skills for life and work (general skills) are developed through
- Planning activities with feedback
- Project work
- Design work

Assessment

Knowledge is assessed by its manifestation in:
- course work
- design projects
- essays

Thinking skills are assessed by their reflection in:
- course work
- design projects
- essays

Practical skills are assessed through:
- course work
- design projects

Skills for life and work (general skills) are assessed:

- individually through the ability to produce design projects
- by course work and essays
- through the ability to explain one's work verbally at reviews and at level six (year 3) to an external examiner

Students with disabilities and/or particular learning needs should discuss assessments with the Course Leader to ensure they are able to fully engage with all assessment within the course.

Work or Study Placements

Work experience /placements are optional in this course.

Course Structure

All courses are credit-rated to help you to understand the amount and level of study that is needed.

One credit is equal to 10 hours of directed study time (this includes everything you do e.g. lecture, seminar and private study).

Credits are assigned to one of 5 levels:

3	Equivalent in standard to GCE 'A' level and is intended to prepare students for year one of an undergraduate degree course.
4	Equivalent in standard to the first year of a full-time undergraduate degree course.
5	Equivalent in standard to the second year of a full-time undergraduate degree course.
6	Equivalent in standard to the third year of a full-time undergraduate degree course.
7	Equivalent in standard to a Masters degree.

Courses are made up of modules that are each credit weighted.

1. *3-year Full Time Route*

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Distance learning Y/N	Credits	Status*
4	AR4044	Design Investigation 1	N	20	Core
4	AR4047	Mental Wealth: Professional Life 1	N	20	Core
4	AR4046	History and Theory 1	N	20	Core
4	AR4045	Technical Studies and Representation 1	N	20	Core
4	AR4043	Design Resolution 1	N	20	Core
4	AR4040	Design Integration 1	N	20	Core
5	AR5040	Design Investigation 2	N	20	Core
5	AR5047	Mental Wealth: Professional Life 2	N	20	Core

5	AR5042	History and Theory 2	N	20	Core	
5	AR5046	Technical Studies and Representation 2	N	20	Core	
5	AR5041	Design Resolution 2	N	20	Core	
5	AR5043	Design Integration 2	N	20	Core	
5		Optional Placement Year	N	120P	Optional	
6	AR6043	Design Investigation 3	N	20	Core	
6	AR6047	Mental Wealth: Professional Life 3	N	20	Core	
6	AR6046	History and Theory 3	N	20	Core	
6	AR6040	Integrated Technology	N	20	Core	
6	AR6045	Design Resolution 3	N	20	Core	
6	AR6044	Design Integration 3	N	20	Core	

Please Note – A core module for a course is a module which a student must have passed (i.e. been awarded credit) in order to achieve the relevant named award. An optional module for a course is a module selected from a range of modules available on the course.

2. *6-year Part-Time route*

FHEQ	Year	Module Code	Module title	Credit	Core/Option
4	1		History and Theory 1	20	Core
4	1		Technical Studies and Representation 1	20	Core
4	1		Mental Wealth: Professional Life 1	20	Core
4	2		Design Resolution 1	20	Core
4	2		Design Integration 1	20	Core
4	2		Design Investigation 1	20	Core
5	3		History and Theory 2	20	Core
5	3		Technical Studies and Representation 2	20	Core
5	3		Mental Wealth: Professional Life 2	20	Core
5	4		Design Resolution 2	20	Core
5	4		Design Integration 2	20	Core
5	4		Design Investigation 2	20	Core
5			Optional Placement Year	120P	Optional
6	5		History and Theory 3	20	Core
6	5		Integrated Technology	20	Core
6	5		Mental Wealth: Professional Life 3	20	Core
6	6		Design Resolution 3	20	Core
6	6		Design Investigation 3	20	Core

6	6	Design Integration 3	20	Core

The overall credit-rating of this course is 360 credits. If for some reason you are unable to achieve this credit you may be entitled to an intermediate award, the level of the award will depend on the amount of credit you have accumulated. You can read the University Student Policies and Regulations on the UEL website.

Course Specific Regulations

Pass compensation is not permissible on this course. Students must complete every component and module at pass or above.

Typical Duration

It is possible to move from full-time to part-time study and vice-versa to accommodate any external factors such as financial constraints or domestic commitments. Many of our students make use of this flexibility and this may impact on the overall duration of their study period.

The expected duration of this course is 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time.

A student cannot normally continue study on a course after 4 years of study in full time mode unless exceptional circumstances apply, and extenuation has been granted. The limit for completion of a course in part time mode is 7 years from first enrolment.

Further Information

More information about this course is available from:
- The UEL web site (www.uel.ac.uk)
- The course handbook
- Module study guides
- UEL Manual of General Regulations (available on the UEL website)
- UEL Quality Manual (available on the UEL website)
- School web pages

All UEL courses are subject to thorough course approval procedures before we allow them to commence. We also constantly monitor, review and enhance our courses by listening to student and employer views and the views of external examiners and advisors.

Additional costs: (for UEL on-campus students):

For the 2019/20 academic year these were typically:
Optional:
- Field trip (at levels 4, 5 and 6): £250 - £350 per student per field trip

Note that cost could be considerably lower if students book ahead of time and/or share accommodation with friends.
Mandatory:

- The costs of stationery, paper and equipment may be in the region of £150 at Level 4.
- Print costs will vary depending on the sheet sizes and numbers. This may be minimum £150 per year.

Alternative Locations of Delivery

None