

University of Plymouth

Faculty of

1. Final award titles (including optional Named Award Pathways)

MA Architectural Design

MA Architectural Design (Digital Architectural Production)

MA Architectural Design (Immersive Architecture)

MA Architectural Design (Urban Design)

(Upon achievement of 180 Level 7 credits)

Level 7 Intermediate award titles (unnamed):

PG Cert (upon achievement of 60 Level 7 credits)

PG Dip (upon achievement of 120 Level 7 credits)

UCAS code: n/a

HECOS code: 100583 (architectural design)

2. Awarding Institution: University of Plymouth

Teaching institution(s): University of Plymouth

3. Accrediting body(ies): Not applicable

4. Distinctive Features of the Programme and the Student Experience

Students joining the MA Architectural Design programme benefit from the following:

Teaching by nationally and internationally recognised academics, active in their own areas of research, scholarship, and professional networks in fields such as digital architecture, smart cities, and urban design.

Opportunities to engage with multidisciplinary elective courses in areas such as Digital Fabrication and Immersive Media, working alongside students from across the School of Art, Design and Architecture.

Become part of a School active in the local creative ecosystem through partnerships with Plymouth City Council, teaching staff from local architectural practices, and regional professional networks such as RIBA South West.

Enhanced employability prospects enabled through professional specialisms and skills, and the option to write a dissertation project focused on your start-up and business innovation ideas.

Access to state-of-the-art facilities and technical support in our new Digital Fabrication and Immersive Media Laboratories.

Become part of a growing Architecture subject, with a recognised profile on civic engagement and live projects across our portfolio of courses.

Ability to choose a final format of research project, including standard text-based dissertations as well as a business/IP proposal, a doctoral research proposal, or a body of creative work.

can include novel forms of architectural production and building assembly, participatory smart technologies for urban design and planning, or data-driven immersive media environments for design, visualisation or simulation of sustainable

- 8.4.6. Competently deliver an external engagement proposal using a range of creative methods and media.
- 8.4.7. Demonstrate professional skills on the delivery of a research projects which complies with ethical research standards, engaging with others, demonstrating entrepreneurship and self-management.

8.5. Practical skills

- 8.5.1. Ability to apply a range of communication methods to present design proposals clearly and effectively.
- 8.5.2. Develop knowledge and skills in the field of Interaction Design and its applicability in the development of spatial and architectural interventions.
- 8.5.3. Competently demonstrate and communicate the applicability of technical skills in creative projects within an architectural/spatial project proposition.
- 8.5.4. Develop practical skills in the field of immersive media and XR development for architectural design and visualisation.
- 8.5.5. Ability to apply XR skills into your own design project.
- 8.5.6. Ability to apply a range of communication methods to present design proposals clearly and effectively.

9. Admissions Criteria, including RPL and Disability Service arrangements

The minimum requirements for entry to the **MA Architectural Design** course are:

A lower second degree in Architecture (or similar design-related discipline such as Architectural Engineering, Architectural Technology, Design, Spatial and VR Media Design, Digital Media Design, Construction, Building Surveying, Town and Urban Planning, among others).
Suitable references from previous academic institutions and/or employers.

10. Non Standard Regulations

n/a

11. Transitional Arrangements for existing students looking to progress onto the programme

n/a

Appendices

Programme Specification Mapping (PGT)

