

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

RGU ROBERT GORDON
UNIVERSITY ABERDEEN



Architecture Preparation Programme

05 July 2021

Online



"I chose Robert Gordon University for the facilities at the architecture school – it has large, well equipped studios and workshops with 180 degree windows – at sunset we have the best view! I wouldn't have facilities like these at home."

Pau Man Ho Matthew, Architecture, Hong Kong

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Section 1: Agent Information Pack 2021

Who is this course for?

Prospective undergraduate students who are interested in studying architecture at the university level or who are simply interested in developing skills and learning more about the world of Architecture and Built Environment.

This course is specially developed to provide prospective students with some pre-university skills and knowledge to progress into further studies in architecture equipped to succeed. This course will provide guidance, practice and opportunity for students to develop evidence of artistic ability required for submission of a portfolio.

How will students learn?

- Learning takes place online in groups of up to 10 students
- Students will learn through online group tutorials, discussions, presentations, individual sessions and dynamic critique sessions.
- Workshops in making or drawing skills and working to a brief
- Virtual studio teaching and practice to develop design and presentation techniques while practice building a portfolio or evidence of artistic ability/ technical drawing skills for application to ICRGU Architecture programme

Programme Details

Subject Area:	Architecture, Design/Portfolio Preparation
School:	ICRGU leading to Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment
Credits:	n/a
Course suitability:	Pre-University/final year HKDSE or equivalent students, those seeking entry to university in September 2021. Aged 16+
Academic Requirements:	Pending completion of high school and interest or basic drawing/artistic ability skills.
Language Requirements:	Classes will take place entirely in English. Students must have a good comprehension of English language to enable them to take part in classes and group tasks. Applicants who wish to progress to Year 1 Architecture at ICRGU in September 2021, will be required to provide HKDSE English grade 3 or evidence of language ability equivalent to IELTS 5.5 with no score below 5.5. English language testing will also be available via Navitas Regional Team
Course format	Live virtual classes from 9am - 2pm (UK Time) timetabled Monday - Friday
Course Start:	05 th July 2021
Course End:	23 rd July 2021
Cost:	£1000 - cost of programme can be discounted from year 1 BSc Architecture at ICRGU on progression to undergraduate programme in September 2021.

Section 2: Student Information

Are you interested in studying Architecture? Have you started to prepare your portfolio or evidence of artistic ability for your application?

Submitting evidence of your artistic ability, or portfolio, is a key part of your application to study Architecture at both ICRGU and RGU as well as most other universities. For summer 2021, ICRGU is offering a three-week online preparation programme, designed specifically to support students to develop a portfolio in readiness to apply to study here in the UK.

ICRGU have designed this course to enable our students to build pre-university skills to prepare them for their undergraduate studies in Architecture and enhance their understanding of key practice as an architecture student. Our experienced lecturing team will provide live tutorials, independent assignments and provide individual feedback to guide you and identify your strengths or areas of development to bring out the best in you!

How will I study?

Our live virtual tutorials, group critique sessions and individual focused feedback aim to give you the opportunity to develop skills that can be used in the creation of your portfolio or evidence of artistic ability on completion of the course for application to study Architecture. The tutorial sessions will be scheduled each day (between Monday – Friday) with live sessions taking place from 09am – 2pm (UK Time).

What equipment do I need to study the course?

Essential materials or equipment required to undertake programme – provided by student

- ✓ Sketchbook
- ✓ Assorted drawing materials: pens, pencils, drawing inks, water colours, paint brushes, markers, etc.
- ✓ A personal computer with a stable internet connection.
- ✓ A digital camera mobile or phone with a camera
- ✓ Samples of any previous artwork/drawings
- ✓ Enthusiasm to learn and energy!

International College at Robert Gordon University Support

During your course, ICRGU will provide you with opportunities to interact with our successful Architecture Alumni, wider lecturing staff, student services and college team to make the most of your experience. Our team will provide you guidance and support to help you make an application to study our undergraduate **BSc Architecture programme** starting across 2021/2022.

To find out more about our year one entry point – visit www.rgu.ac.uk/icrgu and ask your agent to support you in making an application to join us.

Section 3: Parent/Sponsor information

Designed with university in mind

This programme is specifically developed to support students to progress to undergraduate studies in Architecture and assist in the development of the curation of a personal artistic ability portfolio or evidence. During the course, students will receive portfolio development tutorials and feedback, sessions centered on preparing for university level study in the UK and student support services to prepare our applicants to join ICRGU for the year one Architecture programme in September.



Feedback and support

On the conclusion of the programme, our lecturing staff will conduct support and feedback sessions with our students to discuss future studies and the programme available at ICRGU for application. Parents and sponsors will also receive a full performance report, summary of activities, review of engagement in class discussions. The lecturing team will also provide individual comments on portfolio and performance to identify students strengths and weaknesses for further development.

Certificate of Completion

On the completion of the course, students will receive their feedback report and certificate of recognition of their attendance. On completion of the online course, all students will receive information relating to applying to study the year one programmes at ICRGU and support should they wish to apply and study year one BSc Architecture leading to the Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment.

Support for parents and sponsors

ICRGU College Services speak a number of languages including English, Hindi and Chinese. If you have any concerns questions or comments, you will have access to college staff to provide you information and support throughout the course and during any future application to ICRGU.

Section 4: Study Architecture with ICRGU - leading to Robert Gordon University

ICRGU is the on-campus International College at Robert Gordon University (RGU). RGU is a career focused University, consistently delivering the top graduate employment rate in the UK. RGU believes in developing highly relevant degrees in line with industry.

Over 90% of RGU courses offer work placements, enabling graduates to benefit from work experience during their study, resulting in high levels of employability, inter-professional experience and top post-graduate starting salaries.

The state-of-the-art campus is located on the banks of the River Dee, providing a stunning environment in which to study and as an ICRGU student, you will enjoy using these amazing facilities,

Robert Gordon University has a total student population of approximately 16,000. With 10% of those international students, RGU can promise a truly UK university experience. The University has over 85,000 registered alumni, working worldwide and helping build a global RGU community.

History of the School of Architecture

As the 3rd oldest school of architecture in the UK, this School has a long distinguished history, earning an outstanding reputation in providing high quality professionally accredited courses since 1918.

ICRGU Architecture Course Overview



**Applicants may wish to extend their studies to the 6 year integrated Master of Architecture programme (MArch)*

The Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment combine innovative thinking with new technologies and traditional practice across all aspects of building design and construction.

The School is passionate about producing graduates who have not only expert knowledge, but also the skills to apply it appropriately and creatively. You'll find our graduates establishing their own practices or working on projects around the world, from the landmark Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur to super-casinos in Las Vegas.

Within the world of design and construction, many professions work side by side, sharing expertise and creativity in pursuit of design excellence and a quality environment in which to live and work. Our approach reflects this reality; we are unique in Scotland in offering both architecture and built environment courses in one multidisciplinary School.

Architects make a unique contribution to the shaping and modification of built environments. They use skills drawn from art, science and technology, and must have the ability to imagine space and form. By the end of this course you will have the ability to communicate the quality of ideas and realise designs. This course allows you to develop sophisticated skills in the design of buildings, towns and cities. Architecture is about our future, and as such, this course includes a focus on sustainability.



Scott Sutherland School of Architecture facilities and environment

In 2015, The Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment moved into a brand new building. Students who choose to join ICRGU for year one will learn in RGU purpose-built studio spaces, seminar rooms and state-of-the-art IT suites and will benefit from our on-site laboratories, workshops and print facilities. The university offer dedicated studio space for every student according to course and year of study. There is also be excellent social and study spaces available for you to relax, meet friends and unwind.

Our Garthdee campus, located alongside the River Dee, is a truly inspirational space to study bringing together a perfect mix of the built and natural environment.

Section 5: Accreditation, ranking and prospects

Key course facts:

- ✓ RGU awarded a Gold Rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), placing the university in the top 20% of the best universities in the UK for the quality of our undergraduate teaching and learning
- ✓ 2nd in the UK for overall student satisfaction (National Student Survey 2020). Excludes small, specialist and private providers
- ✓ Robert Gordon University is ranked 20th in the UK (The Times, 2021) for Architecture

- ✓ 1st in Scotland for student experience in Architecture (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021)
- ✓ 1st in Scotland for course satisfaction in Architecture (Guardian University Guide 2021)
- ✓ Joint 2nd in the UK for career prospects in Architecture (Guardian University Guide 2021)
- ✓ Full degree programme covered by a single Student Visa
- ✓ Aberdeen ranked top 10 UK cities to live and work in (Demos-PwC Good Growth for Cities Index January 2021)
- ✓ RIBA Part 1 on completion of the BSc Architecture
- ✓ RIBA Part 2 achieved on completion of the MArch degree
- ✓ ARB Accreditation



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