



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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## Pre-Architecture

***Architecture and environmental design are concerned with designing and supervising the construction of buildings or environments for living.***

You have the vision, creativity, and passion to become an architect, and you're looking for a university with a strong reputation, personal attention, and excellent research opportunities to help you gain admission to architecture/environmental design. Come to The University of Winnipeg for your pre-professional studies and put our small class sizes, community atmosphere, central location, and reputation for excellence to work for you.

Our campus is located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg – central to the Winnipeg Art Gallery, historic buildings and districts, and architectural firms; it's a great location for studying, volunteering, research, and entertainment.

As a University of Winnipeg student you will get to know your professors and other students because of our small classes and community atmosphere. Our excellent professors – including five Canada Research Chairs – are supportive and accessible, contributing to the many successes of our students.

### YOUR EDUCATION

A professional degree in architecture is a master's degree, which you can earn after the completion of a 4-year or Honours undergraduate (bachelor's) degree. All Canadian universities offering a master of architecture degree also offer a pre-professional, undergraduate program in architecture or environmental design. It is highly recommended (and sometimes required) that you complete your undergraduate degree at the institution where you plan to complete a master's program in architecture.

#### Year 1: Pre-Architecture/Environmental Design at The University of Winnipeg

The University of Winnipeg is an excellent place to fulfill the entrance requirements for undergraduate programs in architecture or environmental design at the University of Manitoba or other universities across Canada. Each architecture program has its own entrance requirements. To meet the entrance requirements for Environmental Design at the University of Manitoba, you will complete **30 credit hours** with no grade lower than C (2.0) with an overall GPA 2.5 or higher or **one year** of study, including the "Pre-Professional Requirements" listed below.

#### Years 2-4: Bachelor's Degree in Architecture/Environmental Design

During your first year of studies at The University of Winnipeg, you will apply to an undergraduate (bachelor's) program in architecture or environmental design at the institution where you plan to complete your studies. Enrolment in architecture and environmental design programs is limited; admission is based on academic achievement.

#### Years 5-6: Professional Studies: Master of Architecture

In the final year of your undergraduate degree program in architecture or environmental design, you will apply for admission to a two-year master of architecture program. You will complete at least three years of internship and write an exam before you can be registered with a provincial architects' association.

### REQUIRED COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

Most students who begin their pre-professional studies in architecture at The University of Winnipeg will apply for admission to the undergraduate Environmental Design program (Faculty of Architecture) at the University of Manitoba, but you may choose to apply elsewhere.

While you must have earned a particular number of credit hours in the areas listed below, there are no specific courses required for admission to the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba. You may, however, find it useful to include courses such as Classical Art and Architecture (Classics) or Art and Ideas (History) in your first year course selection. Students also often choose to include a course from the Geography Department. To be competitive, applicants to the Environmental Design program at the University of Manitoba must have a minimum grade of C in each course, and an

adjusted grade point average (AGPA) of 2.5.

**NOTE: You must consult with the institution where you plan to complete your studies to make sure that you choose an appropriate set of courses and that you will meet the entrance requirements for your program of choice.**

### **Required Credit Hours (University of Manitoba)**

6 credit hours from the Arts

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3 credit hours of first-year English to satisfy the University of Manitoba's Written English requirement

3 credit hours of Mathematics

6 credit hours of Electives

*(A listing of Approved Written English courses and Approved Mathematics courses for University of Manitoba can be found in the University of Manitoba General Calendar, General Academic Regulations and Requirements.)*

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The University of Winnipeg is actively committed to urban renewal and community development, and is home to the Institute of Urban Studies, an educational and applied research centre. Find more information on the Institute of Urban Studies online at [ius.uwinnipeg.ca](http://ius.uwinnipeg.ca).

### **YOUR FIRST YEAR**

We are committed to helping you have a smooth transition from high school to university. You will attend a First Year Survival Session and other orientation sessions to prepare you for university life and introduce you to the facilities and services you will need on campus. We recommend that you choose one of the various sections of Academic Writing to learn the essential strategies for university writing and research. Our Tutoring Centre (3rd floor of Graham Hall) offers peer tutoring to help you develop your writing skills, and in case you need it, our Learning Centre offers free tutoring in chemistry, math, and physics.

### **YOUR SUCCESS**

The University of Winnipeg has a rich history of academic excellence, and a reputation for providing thorough preparation for professional and graduate programs at other universities. We offer the courses, supports, and challenges you will need to get in to architecture and build a rewarding, successful career as an architect.

### **WHERE CAN I STUDY ARCHITECTURE?**

In order to become a professional architect, you should earn a professional degree from one of the 10 Canadian Architectural Certification Board-approved programs in architecture; or complete the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) Syllabus Program (find more information online at [www.raic-syllabus.ca](http://www.raic-syllabus.ca)). You may also choose to study in the United States or elsewhere. Explore your options on the internet, or at The University of Winnipeg's Career Resource Centre, rooms 1A01 and 1A02 in the first floor of Ashdown Hall. Check out the Manitoba Association of Architects website for more information: [www.mbarchitects.org](http://www.mbarchitects.org)

### **IN CASE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND...**

Courses taken as part of pre-professional studies are applicable to University of Winnipeg degree programs. If you change your mind about your studies, you may wish to consult with an Academic Advisor or an instructor from your area of interest to formulate a new study plan.

### **REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. **Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S** or **Applied Mathematics 40S** are recommended.

### **HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student**

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca](http://uwinnipeg.ca) or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

### **HOW TO APPLY – International Student**

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply) and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

**NOTE: Admission to The University of Winnipeg does not guarantee admission to architecture. As a pre-professional student you are responsible to research and apply for admission to your architecture school of choice.**

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