

Academic Interviews for Architecture

If you are invited to interview you will be asked to sit the University's At-Interview Assessment for Architecture. More information can be found on the University's <u>Admissions Assessments</u> <u>page</u>.

There will be two interviews for Architecture: one with the Tutor handling your application and one with the Director of Studies. The aim of these interviews, which last about 20-25 minutes each, is to find out from you at first-hand about your motivation and aptitude for the course you have chosen.

There will also be a short drawing and writing exercise carried out at interview. This will not require any preparation and we will provide paper and drawing materials.

We try to conduct our interviews in a friendly and informal manner, and you should not feel daunted by the prospect of them. The Director of Studies will naturally want to discuss subject-related questions with you. The object of the interview is to draw out your interests and motivation in the subject rather than to examine your factual knowledge.

Please note that, should you be invited for interview, we will ask you to bring a portfolio of your own artwork with you. We do not need to see this beforehand.

The **portfolio** carries much weight at interview, but a talented offering by a candidate without studio art experience may be preferred to a polished and dry presentation that relies solely on an examination curriculum and conveys little personal initiative. Sketchbooks showing informal and preparatory work for projects should always be included. Graphic work featuring architectural themes, such as sketches of buildings, is welcomed. Three-dimensional work such as sculpture or pottery (conveyed through photographs) as well as creative photography and computer graphics may be used to add variety to a portfolio.