Architecture

Full details about the course are available from

http://www.arct.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate

and

http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/architecture

The subject at Selwyn

The Architecture course is academic in approach, emphasising architecture as a cultural as well as a technological subject. The core of the teaching programme is in practical design carried out in studios (from the large scale of a city to the smallest detail), and supported by lectures on both the humanities (history and theory) and sciences (construction, environmental design and structures).

At Cambridge, you will be taught by practising architects and academics who are leading experts in their field. Selwyn has a record of success in the Architecture course and provides strong support for students.

The Teaching Fellows

Our Director of Studies for Architecture is Professor Koen Steemers. His current work deals with the architectural and urban implications of environmental issues. He is Professor of Sustainable Design in the Department of Architecture.

Qualities we are looking for

We are looking above all for proven enthusiasm and academic ability in relevant disciplines from arts to sciences. A theoretical and philosophical approach to architecture as an academic discipline must be complemented by design and artistic talent and by a capacity to read around the subject.

Interviews

Applicants for Architecture have an interview with the Director of Studies, in the form of a 30-minute conversation, discussing the applicant's interest in Architecture as well as their portfolio. The portfolio should typically contain a range of pieces of work (e.g. drawings, paintings, photographs of three-dimensional work, etc.) and related sketch-books. The best candidates will be able to show that they have worked independently, beyond their school Art or Design syllabus.

You will also have a shorter general interview. This is intended to let us find out more about your motivation in applying for Architecture at Cambridge. It is intended to give us a fuller sense of your aptitude for your chosen course, the maturity of your approach towards academic work, and your interests in and beyond Architecture.

Admissions Assessment

There will be an at-interview admissions assessment which will take place prior to the interview with the Director of Studies. The assessment is 1 hour in length and consists of two parts – a 30-minute writing skills assessment; and a 30-minute graphic and spatial ability assessment.

Finding out more and Open Days

The Department of Architecture will be participating in the Cambridge Open Days on the 5 and 6 July 2018. See the insert in our prospectus about this and other open days at Selwyn. Full details are also available on our website.

The Department of Architecture's website (http://www.arct.cam.ac.uk) also contains useful information for applicants, including an outline of the course and details of suggested reading.

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