

Interview Guidance

BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology

The interview process will be kept as informal as possible and is aimed at helping us to get to know you and help you decide whether this is the right course for you.

Please accept your interview date promptly. If you have extenuating circumstances which means you cannot attend on the scheduled day, please email **admissions@bucks.ac.uk** prior to your interview date. Please include your UCAS ID. A new date will be scheduled for you within two working days. This will be confirmed by email.

Preparing for your interview

Please read carefully the following information and instructions, which are intended to help you with your interview.

You are required to bring along Portfolio/E-portfolio for interview.

Portfolio

Your portfolio should demonstrate your creativity and experimental approach to architectural design and technology. The portfolio should include approximately 10-15 sheets of work that reflects your knowledge and skills in the area of creativity and architecture including models, drawings and computer aided design (CAD). We advise you to plan the sequence of your work; be clear and logical in the way the work is presented. Please consider including the coloured photographs of any 3D physical models if any.

The portfolio should contain work produced at a variety of stages (e.g. work in progress and some finished pieces). Include work created in the last twelve months and if relevant, some part of a current project, even if this is work in progress or at an early stage of development.

We do not expect applicants to evidence expertise in architectural design and technology. It is more important at this stage for you to demonstrate your awareness of design, creativity, use of materials and technology through drawing, paper working and in sketchbooks as appropriate.

E-Portfolio

Whilst showing work digitally is an option please ensure work is formatted correctly for easy viewing on a computer, we would suggest a PDF file. It is important that digital portfolios are accompanied with physical sketchbooks as detailed above.

No Architectural Design and Technology related work?

We accept students from a range of art and design backgrounds. If you have not got relevant architectural design and technology related portfolio, you can prepare examples of work to include as much drawing, colour work and photography as possible. Be sure to show and discuss your awareness of buildings design and technology. Be prepared to discuss about your architectural design aspirations, understanding about design and construction of buildings, current issues in the built environment, sustainability and any relevant experience.

Information for Overseas Applicants

Students who live overseas and are unable to attend an interview should email a link to your website or online portfolio in place of attending in person, to admissions@bucks.ac.uk. Alternatively, a PDF file consisting of 10-15 pages maximum can be sent. Your email must be received at least a week before your original allocated interview slot. This will be followed up with a telephone or Skype interview, or feedback via email.

Interview process

We know that an interview can be a daunting experience. We make allowances for nerves and we endeavor to make the process as enjoyable as possible. The interview will be relatively informal and will include a course overview, as well as an interview with academic staff. Your interview will include a review of your portfolio, discussion of your aspirations and your interest in our course.

Please ensure your portfolio and sketchbooks are clearly marked with your name.