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# **BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture and Design**

## **Online Interview Guidance**

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## **Interview Guidance**

Congratulations on being selected for an interview for our **BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture and Design** course (UCAS course code K312). The information in this booklet will assist you in preparing for your interview and will give you an idea of what to expect on the day.

You have been selected for interview on the strength of your application. We feel you demonstrate a range of attributes and qualities that indicate you have the potential to succeed as a landscape architect. The application process now requires you to attend an informal interview so that we have a chance to make a decision as to your suitability for our course. You too must make a decision, based on your findings at interview, as to which university and course you think would best meet your needs as a learner. It is our aim to ensure you leave us with sufficient knowledge to make your decision wisely.

We hope that you will enjoy your time at Leeds Beckett University. Do remember that an interview is a two-way process and that you should treat the interview as an opportunity to share the work in your portfolio and to ask the course team questions that will help you make informed decisions.

## **What to do now**

You should check your UCAS Hub for confirmation of the date and time of your interview and ensure you accept it to confirm your place.

Should you no longer be able to attend the date you previously booked please contact the team to request a rescheduled date by emailing [ucasadmissions@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:ucasadmissions@leedsbeckett.ac.uk) as soon as possible

## **On the Day**

On the date and time of your online interview, please click the MS Teams link you will have been emailed using a computer/laptop – not a phone or tablet. You will then be given access to the interview. It is important to use a computer/laptop and not a phone or tablet, because you will need to share your screen in order to talk through your digital portfolio. Remember, an online interview is still a formal occasion and should be treated in the same manner as an in-person event. This includes being punctual, dressing appropriately, sitting somewhere suitable, and ensuring you have an adequate internet connection. Please allow 30 minutes for your interview at Leeds Beckett University.

## **What the interview will involve**

You will have an informal one to one online interview with a member of staff from the landscape team, which will last approximately 20 - 30 minutes. During the interview we will ask you to share your digital portfolio and discuss the work that you have included. We will be looking for your ability to convey your interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, in addition to creative thinking and the ability to describe and evaluate your own work. Think about why you want to study landscape architecture. We will also discuss the facilities at Leeds Beckett and any questions you may want to ask the team about the subject and the course.

## **What to prepare in advance**

**No later than a week prior to the interview**, you should prepare a digital portfolio of 10-12 pieces of work which demonstrates the range of your Art and Design studies to date. This portfolio needs to be created as a single pdf file, which you have open and ready on the computer/laptop you attend the interview from. It also needs to be uploaded to our applicant's folder using the following link. [Submit your portfolio.](#)

We are looking for evidence of artistic and creative ability. Work that demonstrates your ability to think in three dimensions and your ability to use different media is encouraged. It is important that all work submitted is your own work. Your portfolio can include observational drawings, design work,

photography, painting, exploratory work from notebooks, creative and practical IT skills, 3D work such as model making which you feel illustrate your interests, development and potential as a creative designer landscape design, gardening, environmental, horticultural or construction related experience observations of the natural world including plants and natural environments. This could take the form of personal graphics, photographs and written observations examples that reflects your enthusiasm and interest in the world of landscape architecture

In particular we would like you to share an image (hand drawn or a photograph) of the landscape in your home environment and to consider how it may look in 50 years time. You could perhaps prepare before and after images. We will have an opportunity to discuss the influences that may change this landscape over time at the interview.

Practice what you want to say about the work you are choosing to show us. Remember, we'll expect you to talk about your work, so know it well. Be able to analyse it, identifying the strengths and weaknesses of your work. Your digital portfolio will be submitted electronically so please do not submit your portfolio as individual sheets, as we will only have access to one file.

If you have any questions, or require help creating your digital portfolio, please contact [ucasadmissions@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:ucasadmissions@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)

### **Creating a digital portfolio**

To create a digital portfolio, you will need to scan your paintings and/or drawings. Photographs of objects are also perfectly acceptable but should be properly presented. Once you have copies of all the work you wish to show, collate these into a single pdf document, which you should have ready to share at your interview.

We hope that you will enjoy your online experience at Leeds Beckett University. Do remember that an interview is a two-way process and that you should treat the interview as an opportunity to ask the course team any questions you feel might help with making your decision about your onward learning. Prior to attending your interview you may wish to have a look at some of our student's work, see what has been happening on the landscape course at Leeds, and hear from some of our graduates.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/landscapeleedsbeckett/>

A video on life as a student landscape architect: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9r7TOP18WQk>

We look forward to meeting you online soon.

Yours sincerely



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