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Successful graduates are awarded Master of Architecture (MArch) Part 2 and PG Cert Architectural Professional Practice Part 3 architecture qualifications from Leeds Beckett University, as well as a Level 7 degree apprenticeship qualification.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The Architect Degree Apprenticeship Level 7 is an integrated apprenticeship, which incorporates on-programme academic (off-the-job) learning with workplace (on-the-job) learning, culminating in an End Point Assessment (EPA) to test the knowledge, skills and behaviours as detailed in the Architect Apprenticeship Standard. The EPA comprises of case study report based on a design challenge, a career appraisal and interview.

The Architect Apprenticeship Standard is mapped against the current Architects Registration Board (ARB) and Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Part 2 (Master of Architecture part-time) and Part 3 (PG Cert in Architectural Professional Practice) criteria. Leeds Beckett University provides the Part 2 and Part 3 academic components whilst apprentices are in continuous full-time employment. The off-the-job learning comprises a minimum of 20% of the entire duration of the Apprenticeship with the on-the-job learning providing the remaining 80%.

Apprentices attend off-the-job learning activities alongside other students enrolled in the existing Master of Architecture (Part 2) and PG Cert Architectural Professional Practice (Part 3) courses.

### Professional Experience and maximum 80% on-the-job Learning

This apprenticeship enables apprentices to apply to become a Registered and Chartered Architect upon successful completion. Individuals need to hold ARB-prescribed awards at Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3 levels before they are eligible for registration. Since the Architect Apprenticeship Standard is designed to align with the latter two awards, it is compulsory for the apprentice to have completed the minimum of an ARB-prescribed Part 1 qualification or Part 1 equivalent as prescribed by the ARB prior to entry onto the course.

## HOW DOES THE DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP WORK?

The Architect Degree Apprenticeship Level 7 runs in parallel with our existing MArch (Part 2) part-time pathway over the duration of 4.5 years, consisting of 3 years MArch Part 2, 1 year (15 months) PROF Cert Part, 6 months maximum for EPA completion. Upon successful completion of the MArch component, the apprentice remains in full time employment, continuing to work on their Professional Experience Development Record (PEDR), and recommences the following January with our Post Graduate Certificate in Architectural Professional Practice (PROF Cert)(Part 3) course. The duration of the PROF Cert is typically 15 months. Apprentices have access to all studio and workshop facilities and support staff. Additionally, apprentices have workplace-based mentors to assist with their development throughout the duration of the apprenticeship.

## YOUR MODULES

This information is correct for apprentices progressing through the programme within standard timescales:

### Level 6 Core Modules (2021/22)

- **MArch Design Studio 1**  
Develop skills necessary to advance design methodologies through a range of tools and techniques, including contextual critiques and reflections of social, economic, historical and technological issues to help define and develop studio programmes and project designs

### Level 7 Core Modules (2021/22)

- **MArch Design Studio 2**  
Develop design studio specialisms and approaches to architecture through a contextual architecture project. You will test your design methodologies and skills, developed in Design Studio 1, prior to the design thesis projects in Design Studios 3 and 4.
- **MArch Context Studies History & Theory A**  
An introduction to the history and theory of architecture, you will explore the current architectural theory and the historical context in which it has developed. You will be encouraged to think critically about these theoretical concepts and to integrate them into your work.
- **MArch Technology 1**  
This module develops integrative thinking regarding the technical requirements and production issues of detailed building design.
- **MArch Design Studio 3**  
Produce a thesis design project, with particular emphasis on the design development and production of a complex and comprehensive integrated building.
- **MArch Design Studio 4 (including The Design and Practice Report)**  
Further develop the integrated building design produced in Design Studio 3 in an agreed area or specialism to include representation and technical realisation.
- **MArch Context Studies History & Theory B**  
You will become familiar with the current interdisciplinary discourse and concepts relevant to the theoretical thinking, speaking and writing of architecture. You will gain an understanding of the historical context into which theoretical concepts emerge and develop, and you will be supported to assemble your own conceptual toolkit for architectural thinking and making.
- **MArch Technology 2**  
This module develops integrative thinking through the strategic development of the design thesis project's technical and constructional requirements including the environmental and structural strategies inherent in the evolution of the project.
- **PROF Cert 1 Professional Experience and Development Record**  
Complete RIBA's online Professional Experience and Development Record (PEDR), which logs the time spent on various activities within your office by entering hours under appropriate categories. You will also participate in the summative Professional Interview / Oral Examination to integrate the learning outcomes of the course.

- **PROF Cert 2 Professional Practice Examination**

The purpose of the Part 3 Examination, which is the final stage of qualification as an Architect in the UK, is to assess the candidate's ability to show an understanding of the legal and organisational problems associated with the practice of architecture, in accordance with the best of available knowledge and skill as currently practised in the profession, and as set out in The Professional Criteria at Part 3, which are held in common by the RIBA, the ARB and the QAA.

The Module covers one of the mandatory components as stipulated in the RIBA's Regulations for the 'Examination in Professional Practice and Management (Part 3)'.  
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- **PROF Cert 3 Contract Administration Examination**

The purpose of the Part 3 Examination is to assess the graduate's ability to show an understanding of the legal and organisational problems associated with the practice of architecture, in accordance with the best of available knowledge and skill as currently practised in the profession, and as set out in The Professional Criteria at Part 3 held in common by the RIBA, ARB and QAA.

- **PROF Cert 4a Personal Development Appraisal & Professional CV (forms part of the EPA)**

This Module, the written Personal Development Appraisal & Professional Curriculum Vitae, is intended to reveal the candidate's qualities as a reflective practitioner and their understanding of, and attitudes towards, sound professional practice. It also requires students to assess their future learning needs and to consider their future role within the profession in the next 5 to 10 years.

- **PROF Cert 4b Professional Interview (forms part of the EPA)**

Specifically, the Module addresses components of the following Professional Criteria:

- **PC1 Professionalism**
- **PC2 Clients, users and delivery of services**
- **PC3 Legal framework and processes**
- **PC4 Practice and management**
- **PC5 Building procurement**

The module requirement is the participation in the summative Professional Interview / Oral Examination to integrate the learning outcomes of the Course.

- **PROF Cert 5 Case Study (forms part of the EPA)**

Select material to provide tangible evidence of practical experience at a professional level.

This could include a range of different procurement methods types and processes and should be based on a single project from live architectural practice.

To be successful on your apprenticeship you must pass an End-Point Assessment (EPA) which is a holistic assessment of your overall professional competence. Before you can attempt the EPA you must satisfy the following "Gateway" requirements; Prior to taking the EPA, the apprentice must successfully pass the on-programme components which consist of 1) 240 credits of MArch (Part 2) component and 2) 30 credits of the PROF Cert (Part 3) component qualification. Working in partnership, Leeds Beckett and the apprentice's employer will support the ongoing development of the apprentice to ensure that they meet the standards set out by the university and the employer's company policies and procedures.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

240 Credits MArch Part 2

30 Credits completion of PROF Cert Part 3 to get to Gateway

30 Credits Degree Apprenticeship End Point Assessment (total 60 credits for Part 3)

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (PART 2) COMPONENT:	
SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
Design Studio 1 (40 Credits)	
Technology 1 (10 Credits of 20)	Context Studies History and Theory - A (20 credits)
SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4
Context Studies History and Theory - B (20 credits)	Design Studio 2 (30 credits)
Professional Studies (10 credits)	Technology 1 (10 Credits of 20)
SEMESTER 5	SEMESTER 6
Design Studio 3 (30 Credits)	Design Studio 4 (50 credits)
Technology 2 (10 Credits of 20)	Technology 2 (10 Credits of 20)
POST GRADUATE CERT IN ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (PART 3) COMPONENT:	
SEMESTER 1 (SEPTEMBER – JANUARY)	SEMESTER 2 (JANUARY)
Ongoing PEDR advice & Case Study tutorials: PROF Cert 1 PEDR Component 1 PROF Cert 5 Case Study	<b>Study Unit 7.1 / 3 days:</b> <b>Briefing and introduction to all Modules:</b> PROF Cert 1 PEDR PROF Cert 2 Professional Practice PROF Cert 3 Contract Administration PROF Cert 4a Personal Dev App & CV PROF Cert 4b Professional Interview PROF Cert 5 Case Study <b>Lectures and workshops:</b> PROF Cert 1 PEDR Comp.1 PROF Cert 2 Professional Practice PROF Cert 3 Contract Administration PROF Cert 5 Case Study
	SEMESTER 2 (JANUARY - MAY)
	Ongoing PEDR advice & Case Study tutorials: PROF Cert 1 PEDR Component 1 PROF Cert 5 Case Study
	SEMESTER 2 (MAY)
	<b>Study Unit 7.2 / 3 days</b> <b>Lectures and workshops:</b> PROF Cert 2 Professional Practice PROF Cert 3 Contract Administration PROF Cert 5 Case Study
SEMESTER 3 (MAY – SEPTEMBER)	
Ongoing PEDR advice & Case Study tutorials: PROF Cert 1 PEDR Component 1 PROF Cert 5 Case Study	
SEMESTER 3 (MAY)	
<b>Lectures and workshops:</b> summary and review of all Modules: PROF Cert 1 PEDR PROF Cert 2 Professional Practice PROF Cert 3 Contract Administration PROF Cert 4a, Personal Dev App & CV (EPA) PROF Cert 4b Professional Interview (EPA) PROF Cert 5 Case Study (EPA)	
END POINT ASSESSMENT COMPONENT:	
PROF Cert 4a Personal Development Appraisal & Professional CV PROF Cert 4b Professional Interview supported by Career Appraisal PROF Cert 5 Case Study Report supported by Design Challenge	

## EMPLOYER BENEFITS

The Architecture Degree Apprenticeship allows employers to meet their succession planning needs with all the cost paid by the Apprenticeship Levy. It provides an effective route to career progression for new and existing staff culminating in the Architecture Degree Apprenticeship. Leeds Beckett University will support employers to devise and manage the work-based element of the apprenticeship. The Apprenticeship includes the Part 2 Master of Architecture, the Part 3 Award and an apprenticeship end point assessment. Part-time study enables apprentices to work while progressing to registration by the Architects Registration Board (ARB).

## EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS

- Every apprenticeship must have an Apprenticeship Agreement. This is a contract of service between the apprentice and the employer confirming the apprenticeship and standard being undertaken. This will be supplemented by a 'Statement of Commitment' signed by the employer, provider and apprentice, setting out the expectations, roles and responsibility of each party involved in the apprenticeship.
- Apprentices must be employed and paid at least a minimum wage appropriate to their age and job role.
- The employer will be responsible for recruitment of degree apprenticeships. However, we can work with you to promote your opportunities via our web site.
- The employer will provide paid time off for on-campus study.
- Apprentices are required to undergo structured work experience to work towards the attainment of the standards required to become an Architect.
- Apprentices require a mentor in the workplace who will oversee their learning and coordinate with the University.

# KEY INFORMATION

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants can be existing employees or new recruits to practice.

Applicants should have the following:

- At least a second-class honours degree in Architecture
- The Architects Registration Board Part 1 Qualification
- A portfolio of work to submit with the application, including projects completed while studying the Part 1 course and preferably including work from practice
- GCSE Mathematics and English Language (grade A\*-C / 9-4)
- A year of professional work experience in architectural practice or a cognate discipline prior to entry is not essential but is considered advantageous

All applications should be supported by a reference, either academic or professional. Please note references should be accompanied by a covering letter on headed paper or emailed directly by the referee. All applicants should satisfy our Degree Apprenticeship English language requirement IELTS 6.5 with no skills below 6.0, or an equivalent qualification.

## FEES

The Architecture Degree Apprenticeship at Leeds Beckett University is aligned to the Architect Apprenticeship (level 7) standard and is allocated Funding Band £21,000 by the Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA).

For more information please contact Apprenticeship Team at Leeds Beckett University [apprenticeships@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)

## HOW TO APPLY

### INDIVIDUALS

Apply direct to an employer offering opportunities on the programme.

Visit our website for details of current vacancies :

[leedsbeckett.ac.uk/degree-apprenticeships/current-opportunities/](https://leedsbeckett.ac.uk/degree-apprenticeships/current-opportunities/)

### BUSINESS

Contact the Degree Apprentice team.

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