

MA Research Architecture

Programme Specification

Awarding Institution:

University of London (Interim Exit Awards made by Goldsmiths' College)

Teaching Institution: Goldsmiths, University of London

Final Award: MA Research Architecture

Programme Name: MA Research Architecture

Total credit value for programme: 180

Name of Interim Exit Award(s):

Postgraduate Certificate in Research Architecture Postgraduate Diploma in Research Architecture

Duration of Programme: 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

UCAS Code(s): Not applicable

HECoS Code(s): (100583) Architectural Design

QAA Benchmark Group: Not applicable

FHEQ Level of Award: Level 7

Programme accredited by: Not applicable

Date Programme Specification last updated/approved: October 2022

Home Department: Visual Cultures

Department(s) which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme: Not applicable

Programme overview

The MA programme is for suitably qualified graduates from a range of disciplines wishing to pursue practice-led work within the context of politically engaged thinking.

The MA programme has been developed to allow you to combine studio work with theoretical research. Lectures, seminars, and workshops will equip you with a grounding in critical spatial practices and related areas of inquiry.

The theoretical module provides a thorough coverage of the historical, philosophical and technological aspects of the intersection of space, power and conflict in light of changing geopolitical conditions.

This programme is orientated towards graduates looking to undertake training in research architecture before proceeding onto doctoral studies, or who wish to pursue or enhance their career in the areas of architecture, design, law, journalism, filmmaking, art, and curating.



As with our MPhil/PhD track, our MA programme draws practitioners from a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, and disciplines. The MA also enables international exposure of student research through participation in exhibitions, symposia, and workshops.

A recent external examination report concluded: "This is an excellent course and possibly the most innovative one in the country".

Programme entry requirements

The standard requirement for admission is a good upper second BA (Hons) or equivalent degree in the History of Art, Architecture, Visual Cultures, Fine Art, Film, Cultural Studies, or a related humanities, arts, science or administrative subject (i.e. Geography, Urban Studies, Earth Science, Law, Anthropology, Philosophy, Literature etc.)

Students with degrees in Architecture or other aspects of building studies are welcome, but such a qualification is not required for admission to the programme. What we do require, however, is a marked and demonstrable interest in exploring the ways in which architectural imagination or intelligence might offer useful tools (conceptual and practical) for the analysis and solving of problems.

The necessary academic strength or evident intellectual curiosity in this area will allow those with less than the required grades in their degree results, or those with substantial work experience in a related field (in lieu of a degree qualification) to be considered for admission to the programme.

Applications are welcomed from EU students (full or part-time) and overseas students (full-time only).

Programme learning outcomes

The MA in Research Architecture is a practical and theoretical module, which is unique in combining urgent critical, theoretical, and historical concerns with the spatial articulation of contemporary political events. The overall aim of the programme is to open out the theorisation and practice of matters relating to architecture to a wider community of disciplines, and in the process to radically re-envisage what might constitute a spatial object or event. Within this general framework, a second studio module focusing on Forensic Architecture is now also available. This studio allows students to engage directly with the investigative work carried out by the Forensic Architecture research team. The module equips students with the intellectual and technical skills to undertake advanced architectural and media research within the context of urban conflict, human rights violations, and environmental violence.

The concept of architectural research, as it broadly exists, has hitherto been constituted by a process of relevant inquiry into the a) appropriate social, political and other ideological circumstances, b) material and technical terrains, and c) formal aesthetic questions which lead up to the production of a proposal for a completed building. However, in elaborating a principle of Research Architecture, this programme seeks to inquire into the contexts in which a desire for a built



solution to an identified social and political circumstance manifests itself, and to do this from the point of view of a sustained practical critique of the prevailing responsibilities of architectural practice. These responsibilities may be seen as the provision of shelter and privacy, the enablement of types of civic and domestic association, renewed possibilities for expressive constructional integrity and the drafting of forms of broadly legible social symbolism. From this critical position, the programme inaugurates a different approach to architecture; offering a new nexus of responsibilities for discussion.

In light of this ambition, the programme aims to resource a set of conceptual and investigative paradigms as well as methodologies to support a practice in which a proposal for a building may represent an appropriately architectural response to such situations (one nevertheless informed by a critical attitude towards dominating architectural ideologies). Equally, however, and with the aim of both recognising and surpassing deconstructive developments in architectural practice since the 1970s, the programme seeks to radically re-evaluate the appropriateness of the building as an outcome of a process of architectural research. Therefore, a legitimate, and in some circumstances preferred, response to the research modes promoted here, may equally successfully take other forms - such as a piece of theoretical, historical or creative writing, a film, an exhibition (or other type of curated event), a broadcast, a website, a human rights report or other kind of publication or form of artistic enterprise; produced with a creatively investigative intention.

The elaboration of architectures through these means, and in the context of a broadening of those disciplines from which architectural practitioners may be drawn, and architecture countenanced, represents the innovative intellectual territory of the programme.

The programme anticipates and fosters the possibility of students, coming from a diverse array of disciplines and skill bases (e.g. architecture, anthropology, political science, philosophy, geography, urbanism, earth science, visual cultures, fine art, sonic arts, music, investigative journalism, human rights, law, conflict studies, etc.), working together in groups on selected research architecture projects. Practically, the programme will supply the opportunity in lectures, seminars, workshops, site visits and studio work, to integrate critical inquiries into the conditions of the practice of architecture (in an expanded sense of architectural intervention) with practical concerns relating to the conception, development, logistics and narrative of staging the findings of architectural research. Regarding this, the programme offers instruction, where appropriate, and to an appropriate level, in video, computer aided design, mapping, modelling, GIS, satellite imaging, photogrammetry, etc.

Critically, this is a challenging and intensive programme. Students will be introduced to an array of historical and theoretical formulations of the current practice of architecture in its social, aesthetic, philosophical and political contexts. Through contact with significant figures in the field, students will be further encouraged to develop f an appropriate creative-conceptual paradigm for the pursuit of their interests within the context of the field of Research Architecture. Questions around notions of the anthropocene, ecology, territory, migration, human rights, law, cultural geography, and renewed philosophical attention to notions of materialism, are all presented in terms of their relevance to Research Architecture, as are the equally pressing, yet more conventionally recognised themes around class, gender, sexuality, and colonialism and on one hand, and an inquiry into military, legal,



administrative and other formulations of space and the realisation of its differing dimensions, on the other.

Relating to this development of an innovative field of inquiry, and in the more general context of the research ambitions of the Centre for Research Architecture, which hosts this degree, the programme also aims to develop a cohort of students both capable of and invested in furthering their research ambitions at doctoral, and higher levels.

What you will be expected to achieve

Students who exit the programme at the Postgraduate Certificate stage (90 CATS) will have completed the Special Subject (Conflict and Negotiations) and the Forensic Architecture or Research Architecture Studio modules.

Knowledge and understanding

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
A1	An understanding of the meaning and	All modules
	contemporary significance of the term	
	Research Architecture, its proposed methods	
	and its critical context.	
A2	A knowledge and critical appreciation of an	All modules
	array of apprehensions of canonical	
	architectural practices and rhetorics which	
	bear usefully on the ambitions of Research	
	Architecture, as an emergent field and mode	
	of architectural inquiry.	
A3	A knowledge of an array of critical, theoretical	Conflicts and Negotiations, Forensic
	and journalistic texts, and practices, which	Architecture or Research Architecture
	supply new conceptual possibilities for	Studio, Symposium
	architectural inquiry within the context of	
	Research Architecture.	
A4	An knowledge of the roles that film,	All modules
	broadcasting, curating, critical theory and	
	other forms of cultural production may have	
	in furthering the modes of inquiry, research	
	findings and products pertinent to a renewed	
	attention to the dynamics of architectural	
	thought, and its contexts.	
A5	A knowledge of new and specialised	All modules
	conceptions of spatial syntax and processes,	
	and their appropriate vocabularies (spoken,	
	written, visual and other), most pertinent to	
	Research Architecture.	



Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
A6	A knowledge and appreciation of the reflexive	All modules
	status of the products and procedures of	
	Research Architecture when described,	
	exercised, located and produced within	
	specific historical and material frameworks;	
	with particular reference to the importance of	
	attentions to subjectivity.	
A7	An understanding of the interdisciplinary	All modules
	context and conditions of methodological	
	innovation for the pursuit of Research	
	Architecture.	

Cognitive and thinking skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
B1	The ability to participate fully in a diverse research community: meaning the ability to work constructively with students from different disciplines in the articulation of research issues for Research Architecture, and an ability to perceive and engage with the need for such collaborative conceptual and practical approaches to new problems announcing themselves for architectural practice.	All modules
B2	An appreciation of the critical and creative-cognitive abilities required to both identify and create new types of objects, which may be brought out at the intersection of architectural with other kinds of perception fostered by different disciplines.	All modules
B3	An ability to creatively develop the theoretical and other kinds of significance and implication of the fields of attention generated by the marshalling of such intersections.	All modules
B4	The research and conceptualisation skills necessary to enable the student to develop a set of coherent and pertinent research questions in the field, for pursuit at a higher level.	All modules
B5	A critical and reflexive understanding of your motivations for postgraduate research in this field and a developed notion of the kinds of	All modules



Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
	research questions you may wish to explore	
	at higher levels of research. The ability and	
	confidence to formulate and exercise original,	
	informed questions and positions concerning	
	the study of architectural and other kinds of	
	cultural forms and deposits, and their	
	attendant or constitutive theoretical issues.	
B6	An ability to develop original arguments in	All modules
	relation to the extant field of the study of	
	Research Architecture and other spatial	
	discourses.	
B7	A habitual ability to work with complex and	All modules
	often ambiguous theoretical and cultural	
	problematics, and the ability to value and	
	exercise unpredictable research situations	
	and opportunities.	

Subject specific skills and professional behaviours and attitudes

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C1	The ability to theorise different aspects of art	All modules
	and visual culture and set the latter within	
	appropriate intellectual and theoretical	
	contexts.	
C2	The ability to reflect upon contemporary art in	All modules
	a theoretically informed manner and to think	
	critically about existing art discourse.	
C3	The ability to understand the role of art, and	All modules
	visual culture more generally, as an important	
	aspect of contemporary life and as the carrier	
	of certain meanings and values.	

Transferable skills (Elements)

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D1	Good reading, learning and	All modules
	speculative/creative skills.	
D2	An ability to work in a group and individually,	All modules
	according to your own initiatives.	
D3	An ability to express ideas in clear forms -	All modules
	whether in presentation, written, verbal or	
	other ways.	



Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D4	Skills in the mobilisation of evidence and	All modules
	other kinds of materials in support of a	
	creative and exploratory form of argument	
	(visual, written, spoken and otherwise).	
D5	Skills in acquiring a range of professional and	All modules
	intellectual contacts, and an acquaintance	
	with professional and intellectual practices in	
	architecture, curating, critical legal studies,	
	criticism and art practice.	
D6	A knowledge of a number of archives of	All modules
	different forms, and their organisational	
	habits, coupled with the ability to constitute	
	archives of one's own work and findings	
D7	Good skills in information retrieval and data	All modules
	management.	
D8	Good skills in spatial and visual	All modules
	communication.	

Students who exit the programme at Postgraduate Diploma stage (120 CATS) will have successfully completed the modules necessary for the completion of the Postgraduate Certificate and also been



examined in the MARA Symposium. In addition to the above learning outcomes, they will demonstrate:

Knowledge and understanding

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
A1	A focused knowledge of a particular	Symposium
	problematic within the field of research	
	architecture, which they will have researched	
	and presented in the MARA symposium.	

Cognitive and thinking skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
B1	As Above	As Above

Subject specific skills and professional behaviours and attitudes

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C1	The ability to present and defend their	Symposium
	research orally in the context of a symposium	
	according to the conventions of the academic	
	conference paper, supporting it with relevant	
	visual, audio-visual and/or other	
	documentation.	

Transferable skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D1	Analyse theoretical argument and critically	Symposium
	assess the value and significance of objects	
	and practices in the context of the crits.	

The MA is awarded on the further successful completion of a dissertation comprising 1x 6,000 word individual essay and 1 x individual project (or combination thereof). In addition to the above learning outcomes, students who complete the MA will demonstrate:



Knowledge and understanding

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
A1	An in-depth knowledge of a particular	Dissertation
	problematic within the field of Research	
	Architecture, drawing, as appropriate, upon a	
	wide range of relevant discourses and	
	practices.	

Cognitive and thinking skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
B1	As Above	As Above

Subject specific skills and professional behaviours and attitudes

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
C1	The ability to pursue a major research project	Dissertation
	culminating in an individual project and a	
	6,000 word essay.	

Transferable skills

Code	Learning outcome	Taught by the following module(s)
D1	Work speculatively and in an exploratory	Dissertation
	manner.	
D2	Design, develop and deliver a substantial	Dissertation
	individual research project.	

How you will learn

In its relationships with the Department of Visual Cultures, the Centre for Research Architecture uses a number of different teaching methods.

The lecture is used as a way of introducing key concepts, writers, theories, debates etc. to the cohort. A variety of styles are used from instructional lectures with student questions to more participatory formats that may combine shorter lecture periods and group led study and discussion.

The studio tutorial is a one-to-one session during which detailed and specific discussions of student's work may be linked to feedback on submitted work or ideas for forthcoming pieces.

The seminar structure facilitates a great deal of open and explorative discussion of materials presented on the programme. Frequently the subject matter of the seminar will be introduced by a



student presentation. Group work and group discussion of different kinds are also regularly used in the seminar.

The peer-to-peer form, as used by the Centre for Research Architecture, is an opportunity for students to engage in the productive mutual criticism of each other's work, collaboratively and individually.

The annual field trip and/or site visit is an important part of this MA programme. Study, during the first term leads up to a short visit during the winter break, to a site of special interest to Research Architecture. Ordinarily this will be abroad. Athens, The Hague, Berlin, and Istanbul are examples of such possible visit locations.

The Live Project allows student to learn how to work collaboratively. It is an opportunity for peer-to-peer learning under the guidance of a guest (usually from an NGO or legal organisation).

For students interested in the Forensic Architecture specialism, the Placement is designed to allow them to work closely with the Forensic Architecture team and its wide range of partner organisations to produce and visualise evidence on behalf of human rights groups, threatened communities, and international organisations.

There are several workshops on the programme (staged as part of the Forensic Architecture or Research Architecture Studio Modules respectively). These day long participatory events are led by invited guest speakers with a specific expertise in the field. This is an occasion for the development of speculative and responsive thought, and a time for the development of participations in the postgraduate research community of the Centre for Research Architecture, the Department of Visual Cultures, and elsewhere in the University and outside.

The discussions following the elements of the guest lectures/screenings Module (offered by the Department of Visual Cultures to the students of the Centre for Research Architecture) are also key moments for speculative and responsive thought, and a time for the development of participations in a postgraduate research community.

Office hours and tutorials are times where it is possible either to schedule or to informally drop by on a tutor to discuss matters. These highly informal occasions are very useful for developing conversational relationships with tutors.

How you will be assessed

Within the context of the Visual Cultures Department, the Centre for Research Architecture has a range of assessment methods at its disposal.

Exhibition / Public Platform (Forensic Architecture): This extended work is very demanding and it has a central position in the programme. This is the place where the detailed research questions developed during the programme are exercised. It is supported by a number of ancillary means, including the discussion on the Introduction to Research



Forensic Architecture or Research Architecture Studio and by tutorial. Its use in the Dissertation Project is as an investigative contextualisation of the kinds of findings articulated by the Research Archive (see 3 below). Students choosing the Forensic Architecture specialism will produce a Public Platform that will articulate in a public forum the material produced in the frame of their individual research over the course of the year. This could take the form of an exhibition, a website, a publication, etc.

Special Subject seminar (Conflicts & Negotiations) engages with contemporary social and political theory as a way to analyse contested sites and conditions of injustice. It seeks to demonstrate how economic, political and social conflict plays out within real or imagined spaces, sites and cases, and sometimes through the representation, organisation, transformation, erasure or subversion of these architectures. In this facilitation-led module, space, case, site, are not understood as the backdrop of conflict, or its consequence, but as the medium and language within which social and political-economic conflicts and negotiations can be conducted. This practice-inflected module takes the form of 15 intensive student-led presentations (group work), in class case-work, seminars, lectures, and where possible, guest lectures, organised around a weekly thematic and culminating in an extended essay.

Symposium: this is an important assessment tool which allows students to design the performative aspect of their delivery of their project.

Written Dissertation: The dissertation/essay (6,000 words) is a commonly used form of assessment on the programme. It is a place where a variety of writing styles may be employed experimentally to find the most appropriate voice for a piece. Multimedia components of essays are accepted. For students choosing the Forensic Architecture specialism, it will engage with the format of the human rights report to present and critically analyse different forms of evidence documenting a specific situation of conflict and violence.

Research Archive: The Research Archive is an examination form used in the Research Architecture Studio and Dissertation Project. The submission is of a creatively reflexive piece of work which, processes materials, readings and writings, images etc., and which may be presented in an artistic, curatorial, administrative, written, performed or broadcast form. In addition, the presentation will be accompanied by a supplementary account of the documentation and workings that led up to the submission in its final form, as well as a statement detailing the genesis, conceptualisation and realisation of the project work, attributing these to the various individual members of the group involved in this collaboration. The aim of the Research Architecture Studio and the Dissertation Project is to provide supported conditions for the necessary experimental thought required to produce properly innovative work at MA level. The submitted Research Archive will explore, in an appropriately creative manner, the kinds of thematics, problems and materials discussed on and produced by the Modules. The suitability of the Research Archive is seen in terms of the kinds of conversation about the kinds of materials present on the Modules, and a need to respond to the languages and mediums of spatial discourse in appropriate ways. The Research Archive allows for the exercise of novel modes of address and conceptualisation in the approach to the hitherto unrecognised objects of interest which may he uncovered by the speculatively discursive elements of the Modules. As an examination form, the project allows for the ethical synthesis of investigative, creative and analytic modes of research. The work submitted in the Research Archive will be



assessed in terms of the formal success and applications of its synthetic processes in relation to the assessment criteria detailed below. Whilst formal aesthetic questions recognised by practitioners within the different media that may event in the Research Archive may be addressed in its assessment, it will not be judged on these grounds unless it is explicitly invited. This allows for students to work unconstrained by the criteria of other established disciplines, unless that is a part of the stated intentions of the research. As with other work, project work, or in special circumstances the documentation of it (e.g. performance pieces, or other time sensitive presentations) will be submitted in an appropriately archivable form, so as to be available for examination at later dates in the secondary and external assessment processes of the programme.

Live Project: The Live Project is an examination form used in the Forensic Architecture Studio. It is group project undertaken during the first five weeks of the Studio in collaboration with a human rights or investigative organisation and in relation to a "real world" investigation. Students respond to the proposed brief and produce spatial and visual analysis.

Placement Dossier: The Placement Dossier is an examination form used in the Forensic Architecture Studio. Students produce it following completion of their placement. It includes an annotated presentation of the material produced in the course of the placement as well as a short report (1500 words) that critically discusses the overall investigation in which the student participated.

The Investigative Report presents the investigation produced by the student during the course of the year. The format is open and could include annotated maps, timelines, videos, models, etc. These must be accompanied by a narration (text, voice over, etc.) that details the steps undertaken and unpacks the methodologies and findings of the investigation.

Each component piece of examined work is assessed by the following criteria:

- 1) ability to establish a manageable research brief and to undertake appropriate and sufficient research;
- 2) ability to frame the subject of their enquiry inventively and contextually;
- 3) capacity to identify new fields of enquiry and to draw upon appropriate sources and methodologies in doing so.
- 4) conceptual and critical ability to present a rigorous argument and demonstrate a clear grasp of ideas:
- 5) facility to work imaginatively with complex ideas;
- 6) ability to identify pertinent issues with precision;
- 7) ability to explore challenging ideas;
- 8) facility and creativity with the form of presentation;
- 9) ability of student to work critically and assuredly with written, oral, and other forms where appropriate; the presentation of legible and clear forms of critical enquiry
- 10) ability to establish independence of student thought in relation to authoritative sources



Mode of study

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time on campus in person

Programme structure

The Programme is available in full-time mode (12 months) and part-time mode (24 months). All MA students take two taught modules (Special Subject, Forensic Architecture or Research Architecture Studio) and undertake an Oral Presentation and Dissertation Project as well as an unassessed compulsory Site Visit. In addition there is the unassessed Guest Lectures / Screenings programme (offered by the Department of Visual Cultures) which takes place on Thursday evenings and the termly workshops which focus on specific themes and problems in the field, and which occur in the context of the Forensic Architecture or Research Architecture Studio. Teaching in particular technical skills (video, animation, sound, Geographic Information Science, 3-D modelling, mapping, photogrammetry, technical drawing, basic coding) are made available at an appropriate level as part of the informal provision of the Forensic Architecture or Research Architecture Studio.

In order to proceed to the Second Year, a part-time student must normally have successfully completed the Conflicts and Negotiations as Spatial Practices module. Part-time students are permitted to audit the Forensic Architecture or Research Architecture Studio Module during their First Year provided they are fully committed to attending the weekly sessions.

Full-time mode

Academic year of study 1

Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Conflicts and Negotiations as	VC71010C	45	7	Compulsory	1-2
Spatial Practices					
EITHER: Research	HT71115B	60	7	Optional	1-3
Architecture Studio					
OR: Forensic Architecture	VC71096A	60	7	Optional	1-3
Studio					
MA Research Architecture	TBC	15	7	Compulsory	2
Symposium					
Dissertation Project	HT71117A	60	7	Compulsory	1-3

Part-time mode

Academic year of study 1



Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
Conflicts and Negotiations as	VC71010C	45	7	Compulsory	1-2
Spatial Practices					
EITHER: Research	HT71115B	0	7	Audit available	1-3
Architecture Studio					
OR: Forensic Architecture	VC71096A	0	7	Audit available	1-3
Studio					

Academic year of study 2

Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Type	Term
EITHER: Research	HT71115B	60	7	Optional	1-3
Architecture Studio					
OR: Forensic Architecture	VC71096A	60	7	Optional	1-3
Studio					
MA Research Architecture		15	7	Compulsory	2
Symposium					
Dissertation Project	HT71117A	60	7	Compulsory	1-3

Academic support

Support for learning and wellbeing is provided in a number of ways by departments and College support services who work collaboratively to ensure students get the right help to reach their best potential both academically and personally.

All students are allocated a Personal Tutor (one in each department for joint programmes) who has overall responsibility for their individual progress and welfare. Personal Tutors meet with their student at least three a year either face-to-face, as part of a group and/or electronically. The first meeting normally takes place within the first few weeks of the autumn term. Personal Tutors are also available to students throughout the year of study. These meetings aim to discuss progress on modules, discussion of the academic discipline and reports from previous years if available (for continuing students). This provides an opportunity for progress, attendance and assessment marks to be reviewed and an informed discussion to take place about how to strengthen individual learning and success.

All students are also allocated a Senior Tutor to enable them to speak to an experienced academic member of staff about any issues which are negatively impacting their academic study and which are beyond the normal scope of issues handled by Programme Convenors and Personal Tutors.

Students are provided with information about learning resources, the <u>Library</u> and information available on <u>Learn.gold (VLE)</u> so that they have access to department/



programme handbooks, programme information and support related information and guidance.

Taught sessions and lectures provide overviews of themes, which students are encouraged to complement with intensive reading for presentation and discussion with peers at seminars. Assessments build on lectures and seminars so students are expected to attend all taught sessions to build knowledge and their own understanding of their chosen discipline.

All assessed work is accompanied by some form of feedback to ensure that students' work is on the right track. It may come in a variety of forms ranging from written comments on a marked essay to oral and written feedback on developing projects and practice as they attend workshops.

Students may be referred to specialist student services by department staff or they may access support services independently. Information about support services is provided on the <u>Goldsmiths website</u> and for new students through new starter information and induction/Welcome Week. Any support recommendations that are made are agreed with the student and communicated to the department so that adjustments to learning and teaching are able to be implemented at a department level and students can be reassured that arrangements are in place. Opportunities are provided for students to review their support arrangements should their circumstances change. The <u>Disability</u> and <u>Wellbeing</u> Services maintain caseloads of students and provide on-going support.

The <u>Careers Service</u> provides central support for skills enhancement, running <u>The Gold Award</u> scheme and other co-curricular activities that are accredited via the Higher Education Achievement Report (<u>HEAR</u>).

The <u>Centre for Academic Language and Literacies</u> works with academic departments offering bespoke academic literacy sessions. It also provides a programme of academic skills workshops and one-to-one provision for students throughout the year

Placement opportunities

Not applicable

Employability and potential career opportunities

It is expected that most students will find employment in areas related to architecture, the arts and humanities (architectural practice and criticism, arts education at various levels, curating, arts administration, critical legal studies, writing etc.), as well as within non-governmental organisations, though it is hoped that a significant proportion will first seek to further their researches at doctoral



level, either at the Centre for Research Architecture, or elsewhere. Even though the programme has no substantial base in professional studio practice, it is expected that the degree will benefit those with interests in architecture, and those with interests in politics, administration, journalism, broadcasting and publishing. During their studies, many students of other programmes offered by the Centre are encouraged to take up jobs, internships and volunteer positions at NGOs, legal offices, museums and other gallery and exhibition spaces internationally. The Centre already has a network of strong international connections with research institutions and museums. Similar connections with the Department of Visual Cultures have led to work for many in the UK, the USA, Australia and Europe.

Programme-specific requirements

Not applicable

Tuition fee costs

Information on tuition fee costs is available at: https://www.gold.ac.uk/students/fee-support/

Specific programme costs

Not applicable.