ON THE GRAND RIVER IN CAMBRIDGE

The School of Architecture is housed in the carefully restored 1920 Riverside Silk Mill building. The campus is beautifully set on Ontario’s Grand River in the historic centre of Galt in Cambridge. We’re located a 35-minute drive from University of Waterloo’s main campus. With an award-winning library and an art gallery on site, you will find design inspiration on campus. University amenities include student support services, fitness facilities, and eateries.

In a class of just 75 students, you will actively engage with classmates, sharing space with upper-year students in large open studios. You will have your own drafting table and storage area, and enjoy access to computer labs and design software. A full-scale workshop with a wide range of tools and equipment, such as laser cutters and 3D printers, will allow you to build prototypes and full-scale projects.

AND ACROSS THE TIBER IN ROME

During your fourth year, you will live and study at our Rome campus, which is located centrally on Piazza Santa Maria in Trastevere. The Rome campus is the only permanent, international facility maintained by a Canadian architecture school. Housed in a beautifully restored 17th-century palazzo, the campus features classrooms, a library, and a computer lab, all set within the heart of a thousand-year-old city rich in architectural history.

International experiences

ADMISSIONS

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Ontario High School requirements:
- 12U English, Physics, Advanced Functions, Calculus and Vectors
- 1 additional 12U or M course
- minimum final grade of 75% in English and 70% in Math and Physics courses
- competitive averages from candidates to be selected for interview process with encouraging portfolio of creative work. Grade 11 and 12 marks are used in this academic review.

For a detailed list of requirements, visit uwaterloo.ca/architecture/future-students/requirements.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

BY EARLY MARCH

Submit any documents requested in your acknowledgement email.

BY LATE APRIL

Interview: Approximately 450 applicants will be selected to participate in a 25-minute interview with 2 professors and senior students. This is an opportunity for you to present and discuss a portfolio of your best creative work.

Portfolio: Your portfolio should demonstrate an appreciation of high-quality artistic work. It should offer a display of your strong interests. Applicants are encouraged to include drawings, photographs, models, and textual explanations. Preference is given to complete portfolios. For a detailed list of requirements, visit uwaterloo.ca/architecture/future-students/requirements.

English précis-writing exercise: Following your interview, you will be asked to complete an exercise that demonstrates your reading comprehension and writing abilities.

所有 offers will be made by the first week of May 2018.

ADMISSIONS 
#BEYONDIDEAS

VISIT US

OPEN HOUSES

Visit the Architecture campus to see where you will study, meet students, and professors, and review our display of successful portfolios.

Fall Open House: Saturday, November 4, 2017
March Break Open House: Saturday, March 10, 2018

SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE TOURS

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DESIGN THE WORLD

Live a creative life

JOIN A COMMUNITY OF CREATIVE AND INQUISTIVE PEOPLE

Learn in a creative field that brings together art, culture, society, and technology. Architects shape the built and natural environments. They explore the newest materials, technologies, and media while integrating the knowledge of cultural, architectural, and urban history that together form our world. Waterloo’s School of Architecture is a leader in architectural education. We offer an outstanding education, with a unique cultural history stream, innovative work in new technologies, a world-renowned co-op program and a strong student body set on 2 beautiful campuses in Cambridge, Ontario and Rome, Italy. This program is like no other.

DESIGN FROM DAY ONE

As a student in Waterloo’s School of Architecture program, you will have the opportunity to design from Day one. Throughout the program, you will work on design projects of all scales: from furniture and houses, to cultural institutions and large urban buildings. You will learn about the design of buildings, structures, materials and technologies while getting a broad understanding of larger cultural transformations happening in the world. Study with award-winning professors in a program that offers peer learning, collegiality, and collaboration.

EARN AS YOU LEARN

Waterloo is home to the largest and most successful co-op program in the world. All Architecture students participate in co-op, alternating between study and work terms. With 2 years of professional work built into the program, we will start a massive foundation for your architectural career.

A GLOBAL DESIGN COMMUNITY

Our global reach is reflected in all that we do: with co-op jobs available around the world, the Rome campus, international guest lectures and design projects locations. As a Waterloo Architecture student, you will play a key role in the school. You will be exposed to architecture and professionals from here and abroad, interacting with respected local and international lecturers and critics, and participating in colloquia, international exhibitions and competitions.

75 first-year students
98% co-op employment rate in 2016

Our students that co-op exceptions in New York, Miami, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Tel Aviv, and many more cities.