Design the spaces and buildings in which people live, work, and create communities.

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 knowledge of the cultural, architectural, and urban history that together form our world.

Waterloo’s School of Architecture is a leader in architectural education, combining an outstanding design 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

At Waterloo’s Architecture program, you’ll begin designing from day one. Throughout the program, you’ll work on design projects of all scales: from furniture to stage sets, from houses to large urban buildings. You’ll learn about the design of buildings, structures, materials, and technologies, always understood within larger cultural transformations in the world. The program privileges access to peer-learning, collaboration and award-winning professors.
INSPIRING SPACES

Located in the historic centre of Galt in Cambridge, Ontario — a 35-minute drive from Waterloo’s main campus — the School of Architecture is housed in the stunningly restored Riverside Silk Mills building. With an award-winning library and an art gallery on site, you will find design inspiration on campus. University amenities, including student support services, fitness facilities, and eateries are well supported.

In a class of just 75 students, you’ll actively engage with classmates, and share space with upper-year students in our large, open studios. You’ll have your own drafting table and storage space, and 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 full-scale objects and prototypes.
A GLOBAL DESIGN COMMUNITY

Students at Waterloo Architecture play a key role in the school. You’ll be exposed to architecture and design professionals in multiple ways: interacting with respected local and international guest lecturers and critics, hosting colloquiums, and participating in international conferences.

Our global reach is reflected in all we do, with co-op jobs around the world, the Rome Studio, and international locations chosen for our design projects.
CO-OP: 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, you’ll create a strong foundation of practical experience and professional connections for your architectural career.

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APPLY YOUR SKILLS IN ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN FIRMS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Our students find co-op experiences in New York, Miami, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Sydney, and more.

EXPERIENCE ROME

Immerse yourself in Rome’s culture and get inspired by a city rich in architectural history.

During your fourth year, you’ll live and study in the central location on Piazza Santa Maria in Trastevere. Our 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.
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Ontario High School requirements or equivalent:
- 12U English, Physics, Advanced Functions, Calculus and Vectors
- 2 additional 12U or M courses
- Minimum final grade of 75% in English, 70% in Math and Physics courses
- Competitive averages from mid-80’s to be selected for interview process with accompanying portfolio of creative work. Grade 11 and 12 marks are used in this academic review.

For a detailed list of requirements, visit uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/admissions/admission-requirements.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

BY EARLY MARCH
Submit any required documents we request in your acknowledgement email.
Submit your Admission Information Form. It’s an opportunity to tell us about your interests and experiences, as well as your extracurricular and academic activities.
uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/admissions/admission-information-form

BY LATE APRIL
Interview
Approximately 450 applicants are selected to participate in a 25-minute interview with 2 professors and 2 senior students, where you’ll present and discuss a portfolio of your best creative work.

Portfolio
The portfolio should be a compilation of high-quality artistic work that represents your past and ongoing interests. It should offer a display of your strong artistic abilities. While there are no specific format or piece requirements for your portfolio, applicants are encouraged to include some drawings. Originals are preferred when possible.
uwaterloo.ca/architecture/future-students/portfolios

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

BY EARLY MAY
We’ll make all of our admission decisions by the first week in May, 2017.

VISIT US

Open Houses
Visit the Architecture campus to see where you’ll study, meet students and professors, and review our display of successful portfolios.
Fall Open House: November 5, 2016
March Break Open House: March 18, 2017

School of Architecture tours
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