



2025

# Abedian School of Architecture

# How Bond rates



## Young but mighty<sup>†</sup>

We're ranked in the top 50 young universities worldwide



## We're #1

#1 in Australia for undergraduate student experience, 17 years in a row\*

#1 in Australia for learner engagement, student support, learning resources, teaching quality, and skills development\*



## 5 stars across the board<sup>^</sup>

Teaching

Internationalisation

Employability

Facilities

Academic  
development

Inclusiveness

Medicine



## Personal support along the way\*

Australia's lowest student-to-teacher ratio of 11:1

\* 2023 Good Universities Guide. The Good Universities Guide is a trusted independent consumer guide providing ratings, rankings and comments about all Australian higher education institutions.

<sup>^</sup> 2023 - 2026 QS Star ratings. QS Stars is a global rating system that provides a detailed overview of a university's excellence, rating educational institutions all over the world. It is internationally recognised as one of a few truly global rating systems.

<sup>†</sup> 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings list, judging universities 50 years old or younger.

\*\* Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2021-22 Student Experience Survey (SES) and Good Universities Guide 2023/2024. These results reflect the most recent data available to the University at the time of printing.

# How the Faculty of Society & Design rates\*\*

The Faculty of Society & Design consistently rates well above the national average for:



Overall Quality of Educational Experience  
Skills Development

Learner Engagement  
Student Support  
Learning Resources

# How the Abedian School of Architecture rates\*\*

UNDERGRADUATE



**1<sup>st</sup> in Australia  
and 5 stars for**

Student Support  
Learning Resources

**1<sup>st</sup> in Queensland  
and 5 stars for**

Skills Development

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK



**1<sup>st</sup> in Australia  
and 5 stars for**

Overall Quality of Educational Experience

**1<sup>st</sup> in Queensland for**

Teaching Quality  
Skills Development  
Student Support





## A message from our Patron

Since welcoming its inaugural student cohort in 2011, the Abedian School of Architecture has gone from strength to strength and is well regarded nationally and internationally as an innovative and energetic centre of learning. The adventurous and visionary nature of the programs offered by the School is a testimony to the open and inclusive ethos, embodied in the design of its building and by the collaborative studio culture fostered by the distinguished staff who guide and mentor the students.

Designed by Sir Peter Cook and CRAB Studio (London), the Abedian School of Architecture building offers both inspiration and an uplifting illustration of the power of architecture to enhance and embody the principles of openness and inclusiveness that are so distinctive of the School. As previously expressed, the vision of the School is best explained in the words of Karim Rashid: "Design is about the betterment of our lives poetically, aesthetically, experientially, sensorially and emotionally."

Although focused on the future, we are also guided by precepts and principles established by the protagonists of modernism who will be remembered for fostering new ways of thinking. They encouraged an adventurous stance to meeting the challenges of their day with a clear eye on the needs of the future.

It remains my ardent hope that the graduates of our School will also come to be regarded amongst the ranks of the great creators and for their contribution to society through the quality of their architecture.

**Dr Soheil Abedian AM**  
**Patron, Abedian School of Architecture**



## Welcome from the Head of School

The Abedian School of Architecture, is a professionally-driven and design-orientated architecture school. The ethos of learning through making and drawing is core to our teaching. Having the lowest student-to-staff ratio in architecture education in Australia means that you, as a student, will receive focused mentorship with educators and access to world-class facilities and state-of-the-art equipment. You will develop skills and confidence in design thinking, techniques, methods, and relevant interdisciplinary knowledge to deal with our society's emerging and often complex issues. What is the role of the architects in addressing climate change, decolonisation, housing, place, and identity? How will emerging technologies shape the way we live, work, and learn in the future? What is sustainable design? At the Abedian School of Architecture, you will confront and address these questions as you position yourself to succeed in the profession and shape the future of our built environment.

Our teaching and learning activities are housed in an inspiring piece of architecture designed by CRAB Studio. It is a space designed as a social condenser that fosters creativity and learning, supports research, and promotes student well-being. Above all, it reminds us that architecture can be socially responsive, generous, playful, and fun. In this setting, we educate and nurture future generations of architects, designers, and practitioners who will lead and shape our profession and impact our built environment. In 2024, the School received the President's Prize from the Australian Institute of Architects (Queensland Chapter) in recognition of the School's contribution to the profession in the past ten years.

Students at the Abedian School of Architecture enjoy the unique opportunity to be taught by leading practitioners and academics within a studio setting. Here, every student has their own desk space throughout their studies. Our open-plan studio-based culture emulates a contemporary architectural office environment where students are encouraged to collaborate, experiment, test, and prototype ideas, integrating technical skills with critical thinking and disciplinary knowledge.

So, welcome to the Abedian School of Architecture in the Faculty of Society & Design at Bond University.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a stylized 'L' and 'H'.

**Professor Paul Loh**  
**Head of School, Abedian School of Architecture**  
**Faculty of Society & Design**



Watch the video:  
*Finding your own  
style in architecture*

# Undergraduate program

Bachelor of Design in Architecture	Duration	Commencing	Selection rank ATAR / IB*
CRICOS course code 0101291	6 semesters (2 years)	Jan, May, Sep	75 / 26

## Program description

The vision of an architect is responsible for the creation of the world around us, from the smallest of dwellings, through to complex megacities. The Bachelor of Design in Architecture provides a broad design education relating to design, planning, construction, technology, and communication, in a creative studio-based environment. Students are encouraged to grow their design skills through a hands-on approach to the curriculum, and access to state-of-the-art digital tools. This program provides the foundation for a career in a range of design and creative practice fields, with a specialisation in the discipline of architecture.

## Program structure

The Bachelor of Design in Architecture comprises 24 subjects (240 credit points). Architecture internship opportunities are also available for approved students. Please visit the Bond website for more information, and for the full list of integrated and required subjects, as well as electives.

## Entry requirements

Successful completion of Year 12 with an ATAR of 75 or above. Other applicants may be considered for admission on the provision of a portfolio of design work. International applicants must meet the University's general minimum admission criteria.

## Professional outcomes

This degree prepares graduates with theoretical and practical experience relating to design, problem solving, construction, and communication that can be applied to a wide range of careers in Australia and around the world. Potential career outcomes include:

- Building designer
- Junior designer
- Set designer
- Sustainability design consultant
- Construction manager
- Architectural draftsman

## Key features

- Use state-of-the-art technology including 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC Routers, and industrial robots.
- Enjoy learning in small classes and a dedicated studio environment.
- Embrace creativity with your own desk in the Abedian School of Architecture for the entirety of your studies.
- Practice immersion (work placement) experience.
- Learn from industry-leading architects through tutorials, critiques, competitions, and the popular Architecture Lecture Series.
- Participate in our annual Design Charrette.
- Embark on international study tours\*\*.
- Gain theoretical and practical experience in design, problem solving, construction, and communication that can be applied to a wide range of careers.

\*\* Study tour opportunities are subject to availability and approval, and may incur additional costs.

## Further study at Bond

- Graduate Diploma in Architecture (CRICOS 0101412)
- Master of Architecture (CRICOS 078184J)

To become a registered architect, you are required to complete both an undergraduate and postgraduate qualification as well as requisite work experience. Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Design in Architecture, students can apply to progress into the Master of Architecture.

## Professional accreditation

The Architecture Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) and the Board of Architects of Queensland currently recognise and accredit the Master of Architecture program. The Bachelor of Design in Architecture is a recognised pathway to the Master of Architecture.



[Learn more](#)

\* Entrance scores provided are indicative only for admission purposes and are subject to change.



## Megan King

**BACHELOR OF DESIGN IN ARCHITECTURE** (CRICOS 0101291)

**MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE** (CRICOS 078184.J)

"The Abedian School of Architecture has given me friends that I will have forever, creativity that I never knew I had, skills that I will continue to learn in my profession, and industry experience opportunities that I could not have ever encountered anywhere else. Bond University has given me a strong connection to the industry and enabled greater involvement in the wider architectural community. I have not only grown as an architecture student throughout my studies here, but I've also grown as a person. We are so fortunate to work in a dedicated studio environment that is inspiring and stimulates creativity."



## MEGAN'S STUDIO PROJECT

"The focus of this project is to design and create a cooperative and supportive community through aqua farming. This will introduce a healthier lifestyle for people and will help the community maintain sustainability, as well as providing economical growth to the area."



*Scan to explore  
more student work*



# Postgraduate programs

## Graduate Diploma in Architecture

Duration Commencing

CRICOS course code 0101412

2 semesters  
(8 months)

Jan, May

### Program description

The Graduate Diploma in Architecture is designed for students who have creative design ability and wish to ultimately pursue a career in architecture or a related field. The program is delivered in a creative studio-based environment focusing heavily on design through hands-on and digital making with state-of-the-art tools. Project-based design studios focus on real scenarios with specific attention to the fundamentals of architectural design, including materiality, landscape, and spatial atmospheres.

This program also serves as a pathway qualification into the Master of Architecture for students who have already completed an undergraduate degree in a field other than architecture. Students study for two semesters full time to acquire foundational knowledge in design, history, construction technology, communications, and urban sustainability. After completion of the Graduate Diploma in Architecture, approved students may then continue onto the accredited Master of Architecture (CRICOS code 078184J).

### Program structure

The Graduate Diploma in Architecture program is delivered within a comprehensive design studio environment. Each studio contains a combination of practical and professional applications, theoretical studies, technical proficiency, and conceptual rigour. Subject selection is dependent on the student's commencing semester. Please visit the Bond website for the full list of required subjects and refer to the program sequence for subject availability.

The Abedian School of Architecture features one of the lowest student to staff ratios of any architectural program offered in Australia, ensuring unrivalled access to state-of-the-art equipment, as well as personalised attention and mentoring. The features of the building provide a contemporary education space in which students, the industry, and community can learn, gather, and exhibit.

### Entry requirements

Successful completion of a recognised Bachelor degree (or equivalent qualification) in any field, and a portfolio of creative work for assessment. Please refer to our website for up-to-date entry requirements.

### Professional accreditation

The Architecture Accreditation Council of Australia (ACA) and the Board of Architects of Queensland currently recognise and accredit the Master of Architecture program. The Graduate Diploma in Architecture is a recognised pathway to the Master of Architecture.

### Master of Architecture pathway option

If you are looking to explore a career in architecture with no prior experience in the field, the Graduate Diploma of Architecture could help get you there! This option provides applicants with a non-cognate bachelor's degree a clearly articulated entry pathway to an accredited postgraduate architecture degree. Completing a 2-semester Graduate Diploma in Architecture and a further 4-semester Master of Architecture, in addition to the requisite work experience, will enable graduates to apply for the professional status of 'architect' in Australia and overseas.

Our Master of Architecture continues to maintain accredited status with the Board of Architects Queensland (BOAQ) and the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (ACA).



*Learn more*



Watch the video:

*About our new  
Architecture pathway*

Watch the video:

*How architects will shape  
a sustainable future*



## Nicole Mesquita-Mendes

**BACHELOR OF DESIGN IN ARCHITECTURE** (CRICOS 0101291) | **MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE** (CRICOS 078184J)

"Architecture is inherently about people and place. It's really important to consider that buildings are going to be here with us for a very long time, from 50 years up to 200 years. In order to create a sustainable future, we need to have good design which caters for the people, the place, and the climate. We also need to consider the production methods that are being utilised - it needs to be a holistic approach. In order for a sustainable future to become a reality, there must be a considered understanding of the value that our design brings to people, place, and culture. We are designing for people who are going to use this building in the future, and whether that means sustainability climatically, socially, or economically, it's all intertwined and interlinked."



## Master of Architecture

Duration

Commencing

CRICOS course code 078184J

4 semesters  
(1 year, 4 months)

Jan, Sep

### Program description

Research initiatives and studio workshops led by eminent visiting professors and internationally recognised professionals offer students an opportunity to develop their architectural skills on a global scale in the Master of Architecture. We are proud to have an academic team comprised of award-winning practicing architects and published scholars. Additionally, the Abedian School of Architecture has developed partnerships with leading educators and professionals around the world who actively contribute to our architectural programs. Students are taught in the renowned Abedian School of Architecture building, which promotes creativity, innovation and collaboration among students and academics. The program allows graduates to gain professional recognition as an architect in Australia as well as internationally, in countries including, the United States, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Mexico, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Japan, and Taiwan, as per the Canberra Accord.

### Program structure

The Master of Architecture program is delivered within a comprehensive design studio environment. Each studio forms a discrete stage in the master's sequence, culminating in a master's thesis studio in the final semester of study, bringing integrated skills and knowledge together. You will also undertake Faculty electives to complement your studies. Please visit the Bond website for more information, and for the full list of integrated and required subjects, as well as electives.

### Entry requirements

Please refer to our website for up-to-date entry requirements.

### Portfolio requirements

Please refer to our website for up-to-date portfolio requirements.

### Professional accreditation

The Architecture Accreditation Council of Australia (ACA) and the Board of Architects of Queensland currently recognise and accredit the Master of Architecture program. The Bachelor of Design in Architecture is recognised as an approved pathway to the Master of Architecture.

### Professional outcomes

This program academically prepares graduates to gain eligibility towards the professional status of architect in Australia or overseas. Professional status is governed at the state level in Australia, and professional registration overseas is governed by the relevant professional authority. Potential career outcomes include:

- Registered Architect
- Graduate Architect
- Architectural technician
- Practice manager

The Master of Architecture also prepares graduates for a pathway into higher education. The research dissertation offers a level of academic work in a student portfolio that is typically acceptable in applications for doctoral studies.

### Key features

- Learn in the award-winning Abedian School of Architecture building.
- Thrive in our studio culture environment.
- Enjoy permanent individual workspaces and 7-day-a-week building access.
- Use state-of-the-art equipment and workshop facilities.
- Be mentored and taught by nationally and internationally recognised industry professionals.
- Personalise your experience, with one staff member for every 10-12 students in Design Studio subjects.
- Participate in a unique learning experience with an overseas study tour opportunity\*.
- Complete your studies sooner with Bond University's three-semester-per-year model.

\* Study tour opportunities are subject to availability and approval, and may incur additional costs.



*Learn more*

# Joshua Bowkett

**MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE** (CRICOS 078184J)

## Student project title

Reflection + Movement  
Tamborine Mountain Centre for Dance and the Performing Arts

## Project brief

Tectonics: Movement + Light

## The Body in Architecture

An understanding of the movement of the human body through built space and how the experience of that space is determined by form, construction, materiality detail, and the play of light in relation to a given context, is fundamental to the realisation of good architecture.

This studio worked on the design of a Centre for Dance and the Performing Arts for the Tamborine Mountain community and its visitors. The proposed centre was located in relation to the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association's facilities and sports fields, on a dramatic and sensitive site, on the mountain ridge at Long Road, overlooking the Gold Coast.

The studio explored a tectonic and phenomenological approach to architectural design, considering qualities such as the bodily experience of architecture, atmosphere, architectural narrative, light, tactility, materiality, detail, transcultural inspiration, critical regionalism, relation to landscape, and sense of place.



Pictured: Joshua Bowkett with his project, preparing to present his work to industry guests and judges as part of final assessment for the End of Semester Critique.

## Master of Architecture (Professional)<sup>^</sup>

Duration Commencing

CRICOS course code 0101342

6 semesters  
(2 years)

Jan, Sep

### Program description

The Master of Architecture (Professional) provides a tailored architectural education in a creative studio-based environment, focusing heavily upon design through hands-on and digital making with state-of-the-art tools. Project-based design studios focus upon real scenarios with specific attention to urbanism, the future of global cities, and the role of architecture and the architect in addressing urban, environmental, social, and technological change.

Graduates will display mastery of architectural design abilities that are creative, critical, analytical, and spatial and based in advanced historical, theoretical, technical, and disciplinary knowledge. All graduates will complete a design thesis as the cumulative result of the master's course that demonstrates independent, self-directed critical thinking and sophisticated design capability.

Upon completion of the thesis, this program incorporates a 12-week professional portfolio subject, providing students with the opportunity to undertake either an internship (eligibility criteria applies) or a professional research project, which results in graduating with highly relevant work preparation.

Through the program offerings at the Abedian School of Architecture, issues of pressing international and national concern form the core content of the studio curriculum. Among the most prominent of these are the challenges posed by our contemporary condition globally, one characterised by rapid urbanisation, environmental change, technological emergence, and increasing socioeconomic inequity.

### Program structure

The Master of Architecture program is delivered within a comprehensive design studio environment. Each studio forms a discrete stage in the master's sequence, bringing integrated skills and knowledge together in preparation for the completion of a design thesis. After completing the thesis, the program concludes with a professional portfolio subject. Please visit the Bond website for more information, and for the full list of integrated and required subjects, as well as electives.



*Learn more*

### Entry requirements

#### International applicants

A combination of qualifications deemed to be equivalent to a standard Australian bachelor's degree in architecture with a credit average (GPA 2.0 / 4.0 or 5.0 / 7.0) and submission of a high-quality portfolio of design work. Please refer to our website for up-to-date entry requirements.

#### Portfolio requirements

Please refer to our website for up-to-date portfolio requirements.

#### Professional accreditation

Our Master of Architecture (Professional) continues to maintain accredited status with the Board of Architects Queensland (BOAQ) and the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA).

Bond's Master of Architecture (Professional) is an accredited qualification recognised by Canada, Japan, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. This increases the career possibilities for graduates, and allows them to pursue professional practice as an architect in Australia and internationally within these countries.

This program prepares students for a career in architecture, complying with the competency requirements of these professional bodies.

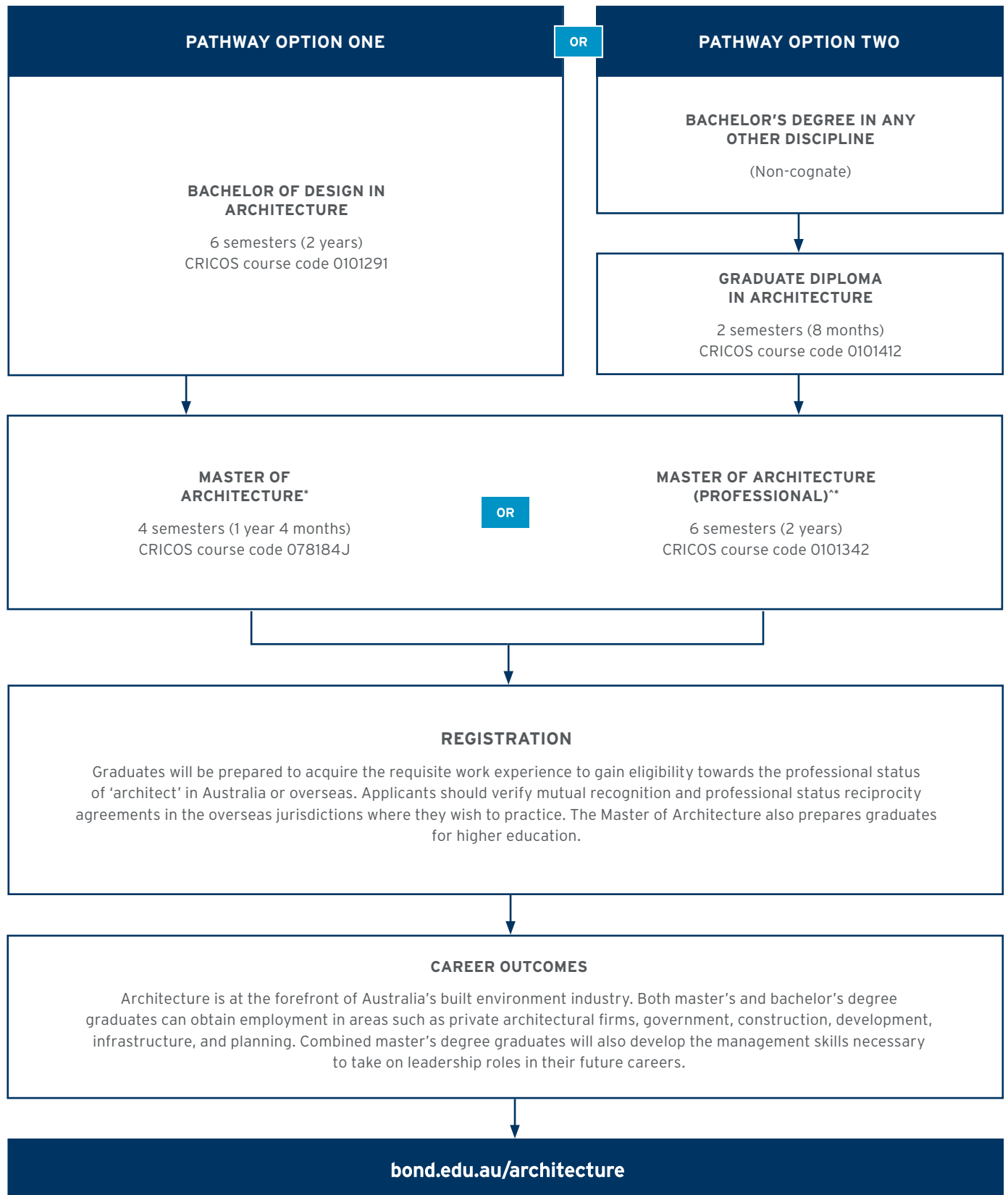
### Key features

- An annual all-school Design Charrette.
- Biannual student exhibition and publication.
- Internationally and nationally recognised academic staff of scholars and practitioner-teachers.
- International guest lecture series.
- Off-campus study tours\* (additional costs may apply).
- Study with distinguished guest faculty and Architects-In-Residence.
- Learn in the award-winning Abedian School of Architecture building.
- Thrive in our studio culture environment.
- Enjoy permanent individual workspaces and 7-day-a-week building access.
- Use state-of-the-art equipment and workshop facilities.

\* Subject to availability and visa approval.

<sup>^</sup> The Master of Architecture (Professional) is only available to international students. Domestic students, please see Master of Architecture.

# Your pathway to architecture



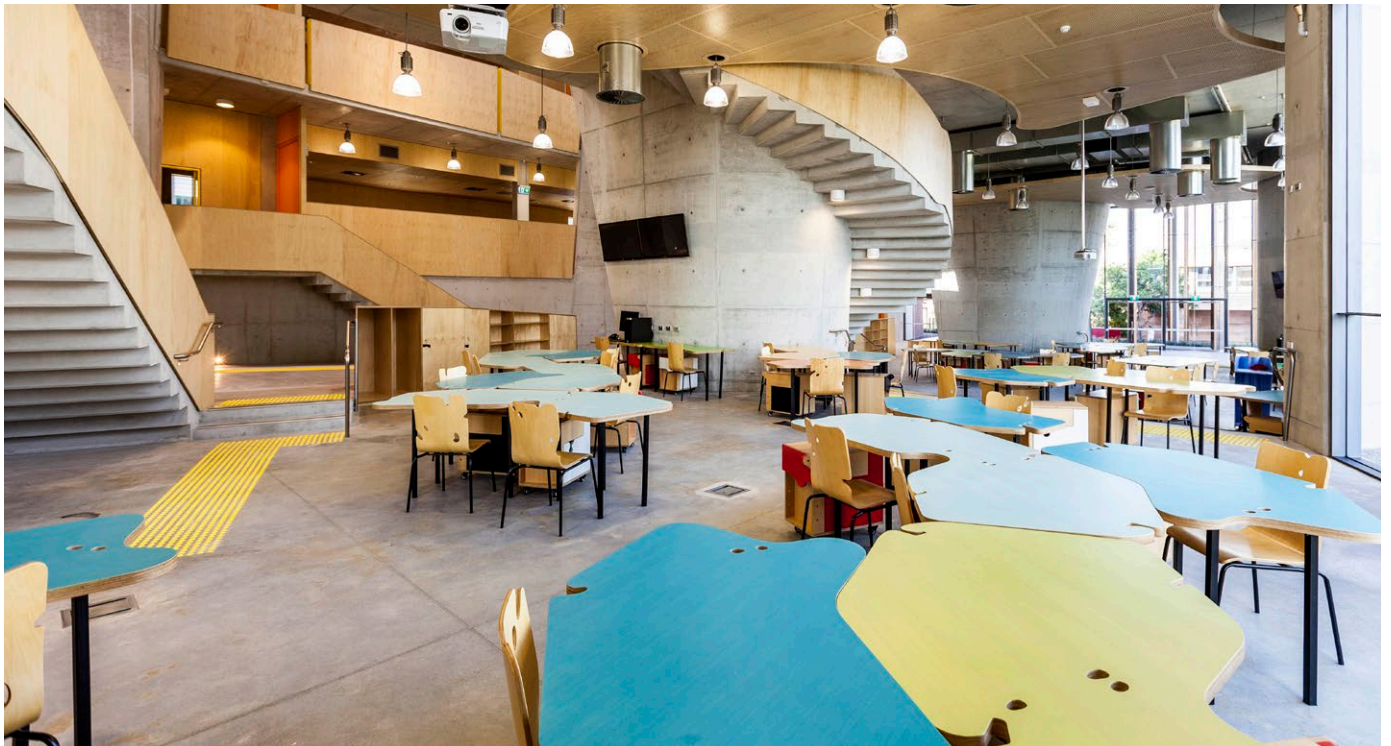
For full up-to-date course subjects and structure information, please visit our website.

\* Students coming from an undergraduate degree must meet entry requirements prior to commencement. Direct entry is not available.

^ Available for international students only.

# Resources and equipment

## Facilities



### **The Abedian School of Architecture Building**

The Abedian School of Architecture building, designed by globally renowned architects Sir Peter Cook and Gavin Robotham from CRAB Studios (London), is dedicated to our architecture students. It combines bold and modern design features with practicality and function. Not just a building but also a teaching tool, the Abedian School of Architecture brings theory to life and inspires creativity in students. A floating mezzanine, spiral staircases, and internal 'streets' are just some of the design features. There are also individual workspaces for students and areas to exhibit and critique each other's work. Students benefit from exclusive 7-day-a-week access to collaborative design studios, reading and resource rooms, an atelier, and an impressive exhibition and event space.

### **Research**

Our academics are all practising architects and renowned designers in their own right. Bringing this unique insight into the various collaborative learning environments in the Abedian School of Architecture inspires students to tap into their creative abilities and develop the skills needed to solve complex design and construction problems. The Abedian School of Architecture has also developed partnerships with leading educators and professionals from around the world who regularly contribute to our architecture programs.

### **Abedian School of Architecture Student Association (ASA)**

The Abedian School of Architecture Student Association (ASA) aims to support and encourage architecture students in their creative endeavours by developing a strong social culture within Bond University. The ASA is involved in hosting architecture events and lecture nights to enhance students' professional and personal development and allow for essential networking opportunities.

### **Student Organised Network for Architecture (SONA)**

The Student Organised Network for Architecture (SONA) is the national student membership body of the Australian Institute of Architects. Student members have access to a huge range of support networks and forums, information, resources, events, prizes, and competitions. SONA aims to advance the interests of architecture students, their education, and the profession as a whole through the promotion of student work and thinking. By becoming a student member of the Australian Institute of Architects you will gain a better understanding of how the profession works and get the same access to valuable tools and information as the country's leading firms and practices.



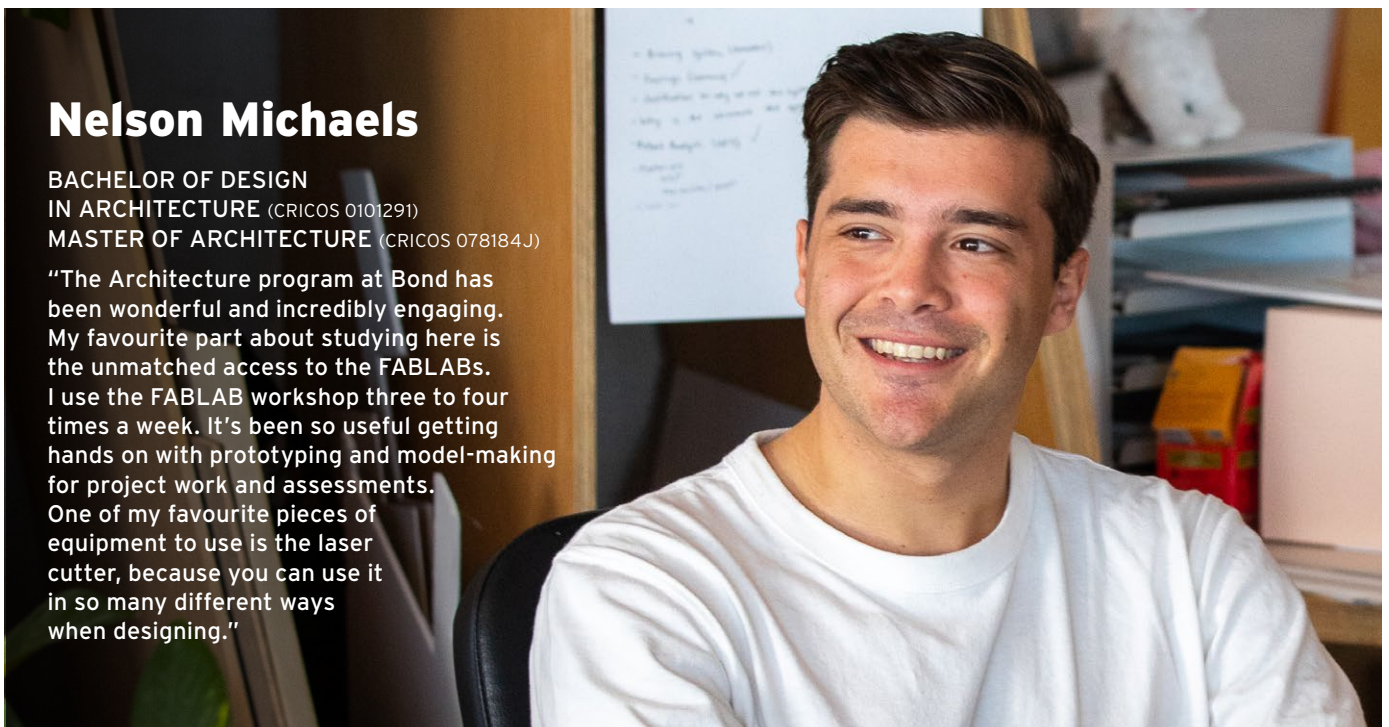


### FSD Fabrication Laboratory and Workshops

Studios, workshops and digital-based learning are core components of architectural studies. The Workshop and Fabrication Laboratory ('FABLAB') provide students with the opportunity to undertake hands-on learning and apply their practical knowledge. The FABLAB is comprised of state-of-the-art equipment including CO2 and fibre laser cutters, 3D printers, CNC router, vacuum former, augmented and virtual tools, and other digital design and fabrication equipment. The workshop is also fully equipped with traditional woodworking tools, metalworking tools, and timber and metal production equipment, giving students the ability to bring their projects to life!

### FSD Robotics Laboratory

The Faculty of Society & Design's Robotics Laboratory is home to three state-of-the-art industrial robot arms, part of a growing number of industrial robots worldwide being used in architectural education. This revolutionary technology is not only used as an assembly tool, but also a fabrication and learning tool for future architects.



## Nelson Michaels

BACHELOR OF DESIGN  
IN ARCHITECTURE (CRICOS 0101291)  
MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (CRICOS 078184J)

"The Architecture program at Bond has been wonderful and incredibly engaging. My favourite part about studying here is the unmatched access to the FABLABs. I use the FABLAB workshop three to four times a week. It's been so useful getting hands on with prototyping and model-making for project work and assessments. One of my favourite pieces of equipment to use is the laser cutter, because you can use it in so many different ways when designing."



## Events

### Architecture Lecture Series

Throughout the year, the Abedian School of Architecture hosts the Architecture Lecture Series, a collection of free events presented by practitioners and academics who are helping to expand and explore the definition of architectural practice. These lectures give our students unprecedented opportunities to meet and be inspired by industry leaders and to extend their learning.



# Take a tour and meet an academic

Interested in taking a guided tour of our facilities, or connecting with one of our knowledgeable academics? Get in touch today to book an in-person or virtual consult.



Ever wondered what  
an architecture  
'exam' looks like?





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In the spirit of reconciliation, Bond University acknowledges the Kombumerri people, the traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which the University now stands. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

The information published in this document is correct at the time of printing (2024). However, all programs are subject to review by the Academic Senate of the University and the University reserves the right to change its program offerings and subjects without notice. The information published in this document is intended as a guide and persons considering an offer of enrolment should contact the relevant Faculty or Institute to see if any changes have been made before deciding to accept their offer.

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