Overview

Standard duration / workload
8 semesters / 240 credits

Degree
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Studies begin
Winter semester

Language of instruction
German

Admission requirements
Abitur (or equivalent).
Online application procedure with aptitude assessment

Tuition fees per semester
Student Union fees plus basic fee contribution to semester travel ticket. Details on current fee levels are available online:

Further information
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Study program

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Architecture study program at the TUM provides a sound foundation in the knowledge and techniques required for the fields in which modern architects work today. Architectural studies encompass a mix of technical knowledge and practical skills, theoretical principles and artistic training.

The B.A. program is a full-time 8 semester course. By the end of studies, graduates will be able to play an active role in modern planning processes, demonstrating responsibility towards the built environment on the one hand and business acumen on the other.

The degree, combined with two years of vocational training according to Art. 46 BARL, fulfills the criteria of the EU directive to join the official Register of Architects of the German Chambers of Architects.

Admission requirements

A commission will assess the candidate’s aptitude on the basis of the documents submitted. Applicants may also be invited to attend an additional interview.

The following interests and personal characteristics are beneficial for successfully completing the program:
- a good technical understanding
- enthusiasm for design
- commitment and motivation
- interest in interdisciplinary teamwork and projects

Program structure

1. Semester

2. Semester

3. Semester
- Structural Design and Materials | Construction 3 | Building Climatology and Building Services | Theory and history of Architecture, Art and Design | Digital Form Finding

4. Semester

5./6. Semester
- Period of study at an international university

7. Semester
- Self-assigned project | Construction Law, Management and Processes | Required elective (Technology, Design, History) | General elective subjects

8. Semester
- Bachelor thesis and colloquium | Required elective modules (Technology, Design, History) | General elective subjects

Architectural studies at the TUM

The Technical University of Munich is the only European university to offer an integral period of study abroad as part of its architecture bachelor study program. In the 5th and 6th semesters, our students spend a year at one of over 90 partner universities. In return, some 200 exchange students study each year at the Department of Architecture, contributing to the Department’s international outlook.

The principal creative method of studies is architectural design. In a series of design projects, students explore increasingly complex aesthetic, technical and spatial solutions to architectural problems. Architecture is also interdisciplinary, incorporating aspects of engineering sciences, the social sciences and sociology. The practice of synthesizing these different realms is a core competence that students learn in their studies.

The Department offers an exceptionally broad range of subjects. The bachelor study program covers each of the Department’s focus areas: “Urban and Landscape Transformation”, “Integrated Building Technologies” and “Cultural Heritage, History and Criticism” and students can elect to study areas of particular interest in greater detail.

Career prospects

Architecture is a creative and diverse profession. Freelancers and architects working for small offices are often generalists who undertake everything from the initial design to the coordination of building works. In large offices, by contrast, architects often specialize in a particular aspect of architectural practice.

Further career prospects include working in property development, in public administration, engineering offices, transport services, real estate or culture.