

ARCHITECTURE AT FALMOUTH

WELCOME TO BA(HONS) ARCHITECTURE AT FALMOUTH. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOU JOINING THIS GREAT NEW COURSE AND GENERATION OF ARCHITECTS.

Your offer

Please remember that if you have been made a conditional offer to study at Falmouth, your place is subject to meeting those conditions. Conditional means that we are waiting to receive your results, or some more information, before your place is finalised. You can see any conditions in [UCAS Track](#). If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Walker on 01326 213730 or sarah.walker@falmouth.ac.uk

First week of term

Your first day of attendance will be **Monday 14 September 2015**. Please report to **Falmouth Campus Reception at 10am**. You will be directed to your first meeting in the Studio in Kathmor House where you will meet staff, student mentors and your first year colleagues.

Your first week at Falmouth will be an induction and orientation week. You will also be given course outlines and timetables. There will be important inductions for both the Architecture course and the wider university, in addition to a number of social activities.

MyTimetable

<https://mytimetable.falmouth.ac.uk/> available from 1 September 2015.

This is the link to MyTimetable, your online academic calendar which shows all scheduled learning activities and your course timetable. It will be available from 1 September 2015, however, timetables can be subject to change. To keep up to date, we recommend that you export the feed to your chosen device (mobile, tablet, laptop or desktop). An induction will be offered on the use of MyTimetable during freshers' week. Students will have access to their individual student timetables, where appropriate, once they have completed their online enrolment and IT induction.

Materials and equipment

You will need the following items for the start of the course:

- A5 and A3 sketchbooks (the shop on campus can provide these)
- Drawing tools – 0.3mm, 0.5mm, 0.9mm auto-pencils, and a variety of pens, a putty rubber, and an open mind
- Laptop – It doesn't matter which platform (Apple or Windows, though a Mac can run Windows software through Boot Camp). It should have 16GB RAM, a large 250GB plus hard drive and be light enough for you to carry. Buy as fast a processor as you can afford

- A backup external hard drive
- Outdoor clothing and footwear for field trips and visits (also for general life, and this is Cornwall - we do have fantastic sunshine, but it can rain!)
- A 5m or 8m tape measure
- Masking tape of varying widths
- A decent waterproof bag for lumping this kit around (did I say it rains?)
- Swann Morton Retractable Safety Scalpel (sold in the shop on campus if you are unsure) and 10a or 11a blades (nothing else does the job)
- Plasters
- 300mm Metal safety ruler ('W' section)
- 300mm Adjustable set square
- Architectural Scale Rule (1:1,1:5,1:10,1:20,1:50,1:100,1:200...)

Much of this can be bought from the Falmouth Campus shop at a good price and shops in Falmouth. There will be some on-going expenses as the course progresses, particularly paper and other consumable materials, so budget for some expenditure each week. I would allow £150 to purchase additional materials and equipment if possible, over the year.

There will also be costs throughout the course in purchasing material for making models.

Reading

There are many books you can look at over the summer. Architecture books are expensive, but several will be essential to your study. I would recommend the following:

Ching, F., *Architectural graphics*.

Curtis, W., *Modern architecture since 1900*.

Littlefield, D., *Metric handbook: planning and design data*.

It would also be useful to check out a few architecture websites and blogs:

- www.dezeen.com
- www.architectsjournal.co.uk
- www.buildingdesign.co.uk

Also, if you are in London, I would visit the RIBA bookshop at 66 Portland Place. It is very dangerous as, if you are like me, you end up buying far too many books, but it is really good for you to build up a wish list and see all key architectural references before you buy.

Falmouth Bookseller are also very good at providing discounts and supporting us, and can normally order books very quickly.

Study trips

We are planning two study trips during the 2015-16 academic year. Please can you budget for these, as the cost could be in the region of £350.

During the coming weeks, you will be emailed important information for new students. If you will be away, please ask someone else to check your emails regularly and reply on your behalf. Please also email your name and mobile phone number to me and we will keep you up to date by text message.

We look forward to you joining us in September.

Yours sincerely

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