

Admission Rule in BUET Architecture Deptt

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The Daily Star editorial "Why Not Go by the Standard" on January 29 last relating to the new rule for admission to Architecture Deptt while sympathising with the lame-duck cause of the teachers of the Architecture Deptt has rightly turned to the moot question of ascertaining as to how other universities (possibly the editorial meant the universities of UK and the US) have set their admission rules for the architecture faculty. Further, the editorial comment that "none in the pedagogic circles is supposed to force an issue nor anyone to declare a reactive ultimatum to it" sounds most pragmatic and must be appreciated by all. People expect that the chagrined party (may not be "the last man") before waging a war on such an academic issue must weigh the justification of taking an extreme stand and must not be driven by sentiment and ego only.

For students willing to study architecture in many countries in the world either drafting or drawing skill is not the only requirement. Rather, if a student is not interested in academic subjects, the study of architecture which draws heavily on many academic areas will probably be of little interest to the incumbent. One should not as such be deluded into think-

ing that he was an outstanding architect just because he excelled in either drafting or drawing. Schools in architecture in most advanced universities of the world demand of a student to have a solid background in physical sciences other than good grounding in mathematics, English and the Humanities.

In an effort to settle the scores, presumably between the parties, visibly the architect teachers and the BUET Academic Council, The Daily Star editorial rightly impinged on taking a cue from other universities. Entry requirements in architecture undergraduate course in different universities of the world browsed through "Internet" are placed in a tabular form to dispel all misgivings.

The chart makes one thing spectacularly clear and it is that, "physics" background is the most preferred requirement for an entry into the undergraduate course in Architecture. A big plus for the prospective architect is an achievement beyond regular requirements (like drawing or design skills) that might demonstrate a high level of organisation ability, creativity or other unique capability that come from an understanding of physical sciences and environmental issues.

Summary of Admission Requirements for Architecture Undergraduate Programmes

BRITAIN

Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)

— 36 Schools in UK, 43 Schools in UK Commonwealth Centres (4 in India 2 in Pakistan)

RIBA Requirements : Mathematics, English Language and a separate Science preferable Physics or a double award in Sciences.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS					
University	Subjects				
	English	Mathematics	Physics	Chemistry	Portfolio
ABERDEEN	✓	✓	✓		✓
BRIGHTON	✓	✓	P	P	✓
CANTERBURY				RIBA	✓
CARDIFF	✓	✓		✓	
DUNDEE	RIBA				
EDINBURGH	✓	✓	✓		✓
HERIOT WATT					
GLASGOW	✓	✓			
STRATHCLYDE		✓	P		
HUDDERSFIELD	✓	✓			
HULL	RIBA				
LEEDS	✓	✓	P		
LEICESTER	RIBA				
LIVERPOOL	✓	✓			
JOHN MOORES	RIBA				
LONDON, AA	✓	✓	P		✓
UNIVERSITY C. LONDON	✓	✓			APTITUDE
BARTLETT					
UNIVERSITY OF EAST LONDON	✓	✓ OR	✓		INTERVIEW
GREENWICH	RIBA				DRAWINGS, PAINTINGS PHOTOGRAPHS MODELS SKETCH BOOK
KINGSTON	✓	✓			
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH LONDON	✓	✓	✓ OR		
SOUTH BANK	RIBA				✓
MANCHESTER	✓	✓	✓ OR		✓
METROPOLITAN					
UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER	3 SUBJECTS A NOT SPECIFIED			(ARTS+ SCIENCES)	
OXFORD BROOKES	✓	✓	✓		
SHEFFIELD	✓	✓	Art		

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