



ARCHITECTURE WINTER SCHOOL 2026

1. BACKGROUND

The **Architecture Winter School** will take place in Bloemfontein on **8 and 9 July 2026** (Wednesday and Thursday) and will be presented at the Department of Architecture at the University of the Free State. Learners interested in architecture as a career will be exposed to the profession and architectural studies. This is an opportunity to gain a more intimate perspective on architecture as a career option. Attendance of the winter school is not a requirement for selection into the architecture course.

2. PROSPECTIVE AUDIENCE

Learners in Grade 10, 11 or 12, interested in architecture, are welcome to attend the winter school.

3. INFORMATION

The cost to attend the Architecture Winter School is R500-00 per course attendee. We ask that each attendee bring some materials with, such as, recycled box cardboard, cereal boxes, paper, pencils, erasers, a paper knife (NT-cutter) and scissors and glue such as Bostik and/or wood glue.

Learners must find own accommodation and travel at their own cost to and from the Department of Architecture at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein. Please visit the University of the Free State's website for the campus map as well as a list of accommodation options near the campus (www.ufs.ac.za/visitors).

Any correspondence or enquiries can be directed to:

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Please e-mail the fully completed application form to Ms Yolanda Nienaber before 3 July 2026. Please ensure that all information is correct and that the parents or guardians of the applicant, together with the applicant signed. After receiving the completed application form, we will provide you with an invoice for payment. Payment should be made within two days after receiving the invoice. Please send the proof of payment to BronkhorstZ@ufs.ac.za

4. PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Day 1: What does an architect do?			
Wednesday, 8 July 2026			
09:10		Students will be collected at UFS visitor centre and taken to the Department of Architecture	
09:30 – 10:00		What are the minimum application requirements for Architecture?	
10:00 – 10:30		Lecture 1 This is Architecture	
10:30 – 11:00		Lecture2 This is the problem/project	
11:00 – 13:00		Work session	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Visit the Red square and the FREE STATE ART FESTIVAL (lunch at own cost)	
14:00 – 15:00		Architect reflecting on their work	
15:00 – 16:00		Work session	
16:00		End of day	

Day 2: How does an architect do it?			
Thursday, 9 July 2026			
09:00 – 11:30		Work session	
11:30 – 12:00		Prepare exhibition	
12:00 – 13:00		Report back	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Visit the Red Square (lunch at own cost)	
14:00 – 15:00		Computers in the world of Architecture	
15:00 – 16:00		Site visit and conclusion	

5. WINTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

Full Name and Surname:		
Known as:		
Identity number:		
Age:		
Contact number:		
Parent/ Guardian contact number:		
Email address:		
Physical Address:	Address 1	
	Address 2	
	Address 3	
	Suburb	
	City	
	Postal code	
School name:		
Signature (Applicant):		
Signature (Parent/Guardian):		

6. WINTER SCHOOL WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

Full Name and Surname:	
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The following words shall have the meanings set out opposite them:

“UFS” the University of the Free State and will include employees, contractors and agents of the University;
“the winter school” the winter school as presented by the Department of Architecture, UFS
“the department” Department of Architecture

DECLARATION BY STUDENT / LEARNER / PARTICIPANT

I, the undersigned, hereby waive any and all rights, claims, demands and causes of action which I may have against the UFS arising from my participation in or travelling during the course of the Winter school including without limitation, any claim for damages to my property or property in my possession or under my control, and/or damages resulting from my personal injury or death.

I furthermore hereby indemnify the UFS against any and all liability, loss, damages and legal costs which the UFS may incur or sustain as a result of any claims, demands or causes of action which any person (including without limitation, if applicable, my spouse, children or dependants) may have or purport to have to the extent that the same have arisen from, have occurred during or are in any way related to my participation in or travelling during the course of the Winter school.

I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks and dangers inherent to my participation in and travelling during the course of the Winter school including the risk of potential damage to my property or property in my possession or under my control and/or my personal injury or death.

I undertake to familiarise myself with all rules and regulations of the UFS and/or the department regarding off-campus travelling, as well as specific instructions and travelling arrangements given by the department regarding the Winter school. I furthermore agree to obey all the said rules, regulations and/or instructions, including safety rules.

I acknowledge that I have read this document, understand its contents and agree to its terms and conditions. I further acknowledge that I am signing this agreement freely and voluntarily.

I hereby declare my age on the date of signature hereof to be _____ years.

Signature (Applicant):		Date:	
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If a student's current age is under 21 years, this indemnity should be co-signed by his/her guardian.

DECLARATION BY GUARDIAN (In the event of the above signatory being a minor)

I hereby declare I am the legal guardian of the above minor signatory, and I hereby assist, approve, ratify and agree to the above minor signatory signing this document (Waiver of Liability and Indemnity).

I hereby waive any and all rights, claims, demands and causes of action which I may have against the UFS arising from the above minor signatory's participation in and travelling during the course of the Winter school, including without limitation, any claim for damages to my property or any property in the above minor signatory's possession or under his/her control, and/or damages resulting from his/her personal injury or death.

I furthermore hereby indemnify the UFS against any and all liability, loss, damages and legal costs which the UFS may incur or sustain as a result of any claims which may be instituted by the above minor signatory (after reaching the age of 21 years or while still a minor, with the assistance of his/her guardian) to the extent that the same have arisen from, have occurred during or are in any way related to his/her participation and/or travelling during the course of the Winter school.

Signature (Parent/Guardian):	
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