

GW BFA INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE (IA)

IA is the only program in the nation's capital that is accredited by the **Council for Interior Design Accreditation**, and GW is the **4th highest ranked national university** that offers IA. With a focus on **conceptual thinking and the design process**, students are exposed to many design methods and tools that encourage them to push the boundaries of creativity. Students take a core studio course along with two supporting courses each semester that range from history to graphics to lighting. Throughout this cohesive curriculum, students learn about habitable environments ranging from small interiors to larger, more complex commercial and institutional spaces.

| year/semester | course # | credits | title | type |
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| freshman | | | | |
| fall or spring | | | | |
| IA | 1000 | 3 | Dean's Seminar: Modern Architecture + Design (G-PAC) <i>(this optional freshman seminar can replace IA 3325)</i> | lecture |
| sophomore | | | | |
| spring | | | | |
| IA | 2100 | 6 | Studio 1 | studio |
| IA | 2125 | 3 | Introduction to Graphic Communications | lab |
| IA | 2150 | 3 | Beginning Sketching for Designers | lab |
| junior | | | | |
| fall | | | | |
| IA | 3200 | 6 | Studio 2 | studio |
| IA | 3225 | 3 | Understanding Materials + Color | lecture |
| IA | 3250 | 3 | Introductory Digital Drafting Tools | lab |
| spring | | | | |
| IA | 3300 | 6 | Studio 3 | studio |
| IA | 3325 | 3 | History of Modern Architecture + Design (G-PAC) | lecture |
| IA | 3350 | 3 | Basic Sustainability Strategies | lecture |
| senior | | | | |
| fall | | | | |
| IA | 4400 | 6 | Studio 4 | studio |
| IA | 4425 | 3 | Fundamentals of Lighting + Acoustics | lecture |
| IA | 4450/W | 3 | Pre-Design for Studio 5 (WID) | lecture |
| spring | | | | |
| IA | 4500 | 6 | Studio 5 | studio |
| IA | 4525/W | 3 | Professional Practice + Internship (WID) | lecture |
| IA | 4550 | 3 | Building Systems: Methods + Processes | lab |

credit summary

60 credits of IA

9 additional credits of art or design

9 additional credits of art, architecture, or design history *(3 credits may be IA study abroad in modern architecture)*

G-PAC + university writing credits as required by GW CCAS (note: two WID requirements are taken in IA program)

120 credits total to graduate with BFA in Interior Architecture

internship requirement

All students are required to complete a 120-hour internship. Students must be enrolled in the first semester of IA before the internship begins, and it must be completed before the end of their final semester. The internship is a part of the BFA Professional Practice + Internship course and will count toward the final grade in that class.

optional courses

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| IA | 4560 | 3 | Selected Topics (reserved for IA short term summer study abroad) |
| IA | 4570 | 1-3 | Independent Study (topic proposed by student; approved by faculty) |