

# GW MFA INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE (IA)

The IA Program is for students who excelled in their undergraduate studies and received a Bachelor Degree in a subject *other than* interior design and architecture. The MFA IA program is a rigorous, five-semester 60-credit curriculum that takes two years to complete, starting in the fall semester *only*. It is the only program in the nation's capital that is accredited by the **Council for Interior Design Accreditation**.

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. Furthermore, the studio-based MFA is a terminal degree; this also allows for teaching at the college/university level in that it is equivalent to a PhD in another field.

semester	course #	credits	title	type
<b>first year</b>				
<b>fall</b>				
IA	6100	6	Studio 1 Graduate	studio
IA	6125	3	Graphic Communications	studio
IA	6150	3	Sketching Architecture + Design	studio
<b>spring</b>				
IA	6200	6	Studio 2 Graduate	studio
IA	6225	3	Interior Materials + Color Theory	lecture
IA	6250	3	Digital Drafting + Modeling	studio
<b>summer (6-week accelerated)</b>				
IA	6300	6	Studio 3 Graduate	studio
IA	6325	3	Modern + Contemporary Architecture	lecture
IA	6350	3	Sustainability + the Built Environment	lecture
<b>second year</b>				
<b>fall</b>				
IA	6400	6	Studio 4 Graduate	studio
IA	6425	3	Lighting + Acoustics	lecture
IA	6450	3	Research Seminar for Studio 5	lecture
<b>spring</b>				
IA	6500	6	Studio 5 Graduate	studio
IA	6525	3	Practicum + Internship	lecture
IA	6550	3	Structures + Building Systems	studio

## 60 CREDITS TOTAL

### 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 MFA Practicum + Internship course and will count toward the final grade in that class.

### optional course

IA 6560 3 Selected Topics (reserved for IA short term summer study abroad)

### MFA students also participate in three programs

- 1] *MFA Design Dialogue Series* (all semesters)
- 2] *MFA Pedagogy Workshops* (Studio 2, 3 and 4)
- 3] *MFA Mentorship to BFA Students* (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

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