

# GW INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: IA BFA

IA is the only program in the nation's capital that is accredited by the **Council for Interior Design Accreditation**, and GW is the **10<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>freshman (optional)</b>				
CIAR	1000	3	Modern Architecture + Design (G-PAC)	dean's seminar
<b>sophomore</b>				
<b>spring</b>				
CIAR	2100	6	Studio 1	core studio
CIAR	2125	3	Introduction to Graphic Communications	support studio
CIAR	2150	3	Beginning Sketching for Designers	support studio
<b>junior</b>				
<b>fall</b>				
CIAR	3200	6	Studio 2	core studio
CIAR	3225	3	Understanding Materials + Color	support lecture
CIAR	3250	3	Introductory Digital Drafting Tools	support studio
<b>spring</b>				
CIAR	3300	6	Studio 3	core studio
CIAR	3325	3	Interior Design History + Culture (G-PAC)	support lecture
CIAR	3350	3	Basic Sustainability Strategies	support lecture
<b>senior</b>				
<b>fall</b>				
CIAR	4400	6	Studio 4	core studio
CIAR	4425	3	Fundamentals of Lighting + Acoustics	support lecture
CIAR	4450W	3	Pre-Design for Studio 5 (WID)	support studio
<b>spring</b>				
CIAR	4500	6	Studio 5	core studio
CIAR	4525W	3	Professional Practice (WID)	support lecture
CIAR	4550	3	Building Systems: Methods + Processes	support studio

## credit summary

60 credits of CIAR

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**

## additional program requirements

-- attend [Annual Interior Architecture Lecture](#) [held once per academic year]

-- each semester, attend either a [First Friday](#) or an [ALUM](#) event

-[First Friday](#): bring a project and/or portfolio for professional feedback [select from two per semester]

-[ALUM](#): hear from IA alumni as they share their work experience [select from two per semester]

## optional BFA courses

CIAR 4560 Selected Topics (these can be one-off electives or the IA short term study abroad program)

CIAR 4570 Independent Study (akin to an honors course; proposed topic must be approved by faculty member)

## notes

-- core studios meet 9 hours/week, support studios meet 4-1/2 hours/week, and support lectures meet 2-1/2 hours/week

-- the program consists of 5 core studios, 6 support studios, and 4 support lectures

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