

GW MA INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE (IA)

Vision

The IA MA Program aims to create ethical, socially-conscious design thinkers and leaders in the industry of the built environment. Within the design forum, whether working for an established firm or starting their own practice, the academic experience at GW will help each designer find a unique voice that has a positive impact on society.

Mission

The Master of Arts in Interior Architecture educates students who have received an undergraduate degree in interior design, interior architecture, or architecture, who want to continue to challenge themselves in an academic setting in a program that emphasizes conceptual thinking and the design process, community engagement, and leadership in the profession. This condensed 30-credit program is an integrated curriculum; all the courses within each semester are cohesive, with course content working in tandem and increasing in complexity throughout each semester. Located across the street from the White House in the US Capitol, many of our projects are DC based, involve the community, or focus on global issues. The core studios emphasize teamwork, which aligns with the professional work environment, allowing for a creative process that leads to collaborative design solutions.

semester	course #	credits	title	type
fall semester				
CIAR	6800	6	Studio A Graduate	studio
CIAR	6825	3	Advanced Visual Communication Methods	studio
CIAR	6850	3	Architectural Design Theory + Criticism	lecture
spring semester				
CIAR	6900	6	Studio B Graduate	studio
CIAR	6925	3	Psychology of the Interior Environment	lecture
CIAR	6950	3	Leadership in Design	lecture
summer semester				
xx	xxxx	3	*elective	tbd
xx	xxxx	3	*elective	tbd

30 CREDITS TOTAL

*Electives can either be taken during the fall and spring semesters or during the summer. Students must meet with their IA MA advisor prior to signing up for elective courses in the fall and spring semesters.