

GW INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE BFA

PLEASE NOTE: THIS CURRICULUM IS FOR FRESHMEN STARTING THE IA PROGRAM IN FALL OF 2024

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
freshman (optional)				
CIAR	1000	3	Modern Architecture + Design (G-PAC)	dean's seminar
sophomore				
spring				
CIAR	2100	6	Studio 1	core studio
CIAR	2125	3	Intro to Graphic Communications	support studio
CIAR	2150	3	Beginning Sketching for Designers	support studio
junior				
fall				
CIAR	3200	6	Studio 2	core studio
CIAR	3225	3	Understanding Materials + Color	support lecture
CIAR	3250	3	Introductory Digital Drafting Tools	support studio
spring				
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
senior				
fall				
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
spring				
CIAR	4500	6	Studio 5	core studio
CIAR	4525W	3	Professional Practice + Internship (WID)	support lecture
CIAR	4550	3	Building Systems: Methods + Processes	support studio

credit summary

60 CIAR credits (this includes a GPAC Arts + the two WID courses as required by GW CCAS)

additional G-PAC + university writing credits (as required by GW CCAS)

elective credits

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]

study abroad

students have the opportunity to study abroad in their spring semester of junior year.

options for study abroad locations change, consult with your IA undergraduate advisor in the fall for more information

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

*this curriculum is effective fall 2024