INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE, M.F.A.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see https://grs.uncg.edu/programs/.

In addition to the application materials required by the Graduate School, applicants must submit the following items to the department:

- 1-2 page personal statement indicating the reason for applying to the M.F.A. program in Interior Architecture at UNC Greensboro, how it relates to the candidate’s career goals, and what they may want to specialize in and why, if admitted.
- Portfolio of design work. Representative examples of design work including short written descriptions of the projects to provide an overview of the candidate’s design skills and design experience. Examples of 2-D or 3-D art work could be included, if applicable.

Applicants will be invited for a personal interview face-to-face or online after all the documents for admission are submitted.

An undergraduate degree in interior design or interior architecture is preferred. Candidates who do not hold an undergraduate degree in interior design or interior architecture but are graduates of a related environmental design program, such as architecture, industrial design, etc., may be required to complete specific undergraduate prerequisite courses in interior architecture as a part of their graduate studies. Such decisions would be based upon an individual evaluation of credentials, portfolio, and design experience.

Individuals who have completed a M.S. or a M.A. degree in Interior Architecture, Design, or a related field who wish to pursue a terminal M.F.A. may apply to the program.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 60 credit hours

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<td>Electives in Area of Specialization (27 credits)</td>
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<td>IAR 690</td>
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Total Credit Hours 60

* With prior approval of the Graduate Program Director or the student’s thesis chair.

Electives in Area of Specialization

With prior approval of the Graduate Program Director or the student’s thesis chair, students will select either 30 credits of electives for the Research Track or 27 credits for the Studio Track in an area of specialization from 500- and 600-level courses in IAR or courses in related departments ART, ERM, HEA, HIS, LIS, MAS, and PSC.

Internship/Professional Experience

With prior approval of the student’s thesis chair and the Graduate Program Director, students in the Studio Track will select a minimum of 3 credits of internship or professional experience. Both courses can be taken twice for credit.

Thesis or Capstone Studio Project

The student will complete a 6-credit Thesis or Capstone Studio Project. For the Research Track, students will participate in a public discussion of the thesis with other students and faculty members. The student’s thesis committee will be responsible for reviewing and approving the successful completion of the thesis. Credit may be divided over two or more semesters. Students can opt to defend their thesis in the Spring or Summer semester of their second year or Fall semester of the third year. For the Studio Track, students will present their complete capstone studio project in a public exhibition.

Students Entering with a M.A. or M.S. Degree

Students who are admitted and enroll in the M.F.A. in Interior Architecture who have completed a previous M.S. or M.A. degree in Interior Architecture, Design, or a related field may have up to 24 credits of course requirements waived from the 60 total credits required for the M.F.A. Each student will be evaluated individually by reviewing their transcript, portfolio, and professional activities to determine the amount of course credits that will be waived from their program requirements. Students
must complete at least 36 credits at UNC Greensboro; at least half of the
credits completed to earn the M.F.A. must be in courses at the 600-level
or higher. Students entering the M.F.A. with a M.S. or a M.A. may select
either the Research Track or the Studio Track.

**Accelerated B.F.A to M.F.A. in Interior Architecture**

**Application and Admission**

Qualified undergraduate IARc majors may apply for admission to the
graduate program at the end of the Fall semester of the third year in the
B.F.A. program. Once admitted, a student may earn a B.F.A. and a M.F.A.
in five years (including Summer sessions). A cumulative GPA of at least
3.5 in the B.F.A. program is required. Additionally, standard application
requirements for the M.F.A. in Interior Architecture include undergraduate
transcripts, portfolio review, TOEFL scores for international students,
recommendations, a personal statement and a personal interview
(optional).

All applicants must complete the Accelerated Master's Program (AMP)
information when applying for admission to the graduate degree
program.

**Courses**

Courses to be counted for the M.F.A. program must receive prior approval
of the IARc Graduate Program Director. Admitted students may apply a
maximum of 18 credits of graduate level course work toward completion
of both the B.F.A. and M.F.A., provided a grade of B or better is earned in
each graduate course and that graduate level requirements are fulfilled.

The M.F.A. degree requires 60 credits of graduate-level course work, and
the B.F.A. requires 120 credits. Assuming 18 credits are double-counted
for both degrees, students would need to complete an additional 42
credits of graduate courses to complete the M.F.A. degree.

The following courses (18 credits) may be counted toward both the B.F.A.
and M.F.A. degrees:

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* Or an elective IAR 500-level, 3-credit course.

Substitutes for the above courses require permission of the IARc
Graduate Program Director.