## Interior Architecture

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### About

Interior Architecture is a holistic and integrative practice dedicated to the design and making of interior environments that support the human experience. As a discipline, Interior Architecture interweaves the arts and the sciences, discipline, both mutually informing and connecting with the allied disciplines of interior design, architecture, art, historic preservation, engineering, and graphic, industrial, and product design.

### Undergraduate

The Interior Architecture program is structured as a continuing sequence of studio courses that help the student develop a deepening mastery of the processes of designing architectural interiors. The first year presents small-scale problems that take the student through the total design process, from problem identification to graphic communication of the solution. Methods of drawing, making, and craft are emphasized. Second-year design studios focus on the development of interior design skills such as space planning, the satisfaction of human needs, and attention to function within the context of interior spaces. Visual communication skills are stressed. Third- and fourth-year studio courses engage students with typical interior environments, with emphasis on institutional and commercial interiors, but also including residential design, historic restoration, adaptive reuse, and interior product design. The curriculum is highly sequenced, requiring students to successfully complete courses at one level before progressing to the next. Attention is also directed toward the environmental needs of special populations. The Interior Architecture Internship provides opportunities for experiential learning in design practice through private design firms, government agencies, or health care facilities.

### Accreditation

The Interior Architecture program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).

### Departmental Admission

Entry into the Interior Architecture program requires a secondary application at https://apply.uncg.edu/apply/?sr=2c690277-620b-4cd1-81e3-2f29b2f2f21. Additionally, they must submit a portfolio and transcript evidence of art and design skills acquired through prior course work if they wish to be considered for advanced placement in the program. Only students who have previously taken art, architecture, design, or interior design courses can be considered for advanced placement.

### Graduate

The Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) in Interior Architecture offers students a venue for advanced investigations of the built environment in close collaboration with faculty mentors. Students pursuing an M.F.A. in Interior Architecture develop their own intellectual interests in design while preparing for careers in teaching, research, or specialized practice.

The program offers distinctly strong student-faculty relationships, where students work closely with faculty members to gain expertise. The Department of Interior Architecture supports a broad range of student interests reflecting IARc’s values of promoting sustainable design for social, psychological, and ecological well-being. The department offers particular strengths in historic preservation, interior product design, community-engaged design, and human-environment relationships.

The M.F.A. is a post-professional degree program.

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