

# BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

Push the boundaries of design as you conceptualize three-dimensional spaces in GW's Interior Architecture program. We offer students a unique opportunity to study, learn, and create within a creative environment at a major research university. You'll learn to design three-dimensional spaces through the use of dynamic concepts, cutting-edge materials, and innovative methods and techniques. Benefit from our Washington, D.C., location—you will have access to exhibits, trade shows, lectures, and renowned architects and designers, as well as the program's connections for internships and practicum opportunities. In D.C. alone, the creative sector includes more than 75,000 jobs generating \$5 billion annually across the design, media, and other creative/artistic fields, with career possibilities always growing. Graduates of our program have gone on to careers at Waldo's Designs, Deborah Berke Partners, Mark Cunningham Inc., Freelance Space Planning & Design, Washington Workplace, and in their own practices.

Visit the program website (<https://corcoran.gwu.edu/interior-architecture-undergraduate/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
The George Washington University  
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100  
Washington DC 20052  
Contact for questions:  
[gwadm@gwu.edu](mailto:gwadm@gwu.edu) or 202-994-6040

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

60 credits in program-specific coursework.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Sophomore year</b>		
Spring semester		
CIAR 2100	Studio 1	

CIAR 2125	Introduction to Graphic Communications
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CIAR 2150	Beginning Sketching for Designers
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### Junior year

Fall semester

CIAR 3200	Studio 2
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CIAR 3225	Understanding Materials and Color
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CIAR 3250	Introductory Digital Design Tools
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Spring semester

CIAR 3300	Studio 3
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CIAR 3325	Concepts in Modern Architecture
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CIAR 3350	Basic Sustainability Design Strategies
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### Senior year

Fall semester

CIAR 4400	Studio 4
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CIAR 4425	Fundamentals of Lighting and Acoustics
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CIAR 4450W	Pre-Design for Studio 5
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Spring semester

CIAR 4500	Studio 5
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CIAR 4525W	Professional Practice and Internship
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CIAR 4550	Building Systems Methods and Processes
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### Additional coursework

9 credits in art or design courses.

9 credits in art, architecture, or design history courses; 3 of these credits may be from IA program short-term summer study abroad.\*\*

### Internship requirement \*

All students are required to complete a 120-hour internship as part of CIAR 4525 Professional Practice and Internship. The student's work in the internship counts toward the final grade in the course.

### Optional courses

\*\*CIAR 4560 Special Topics: Reserved for enrollment in IA program short-term summer study abroad.

CIAR 4570 Independent Study: Advanced research proposed by the student, whose proposal must be accepted by the faculty.

## GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/>). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean's Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/>).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- Mathematics or Statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.

- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.