

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

SAIC BFA in Studio—Curricular Pathways in Design

The curricular pathways in design outline possible courses of study for BFA in Studio students who are interested in the Departments of Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects (AIADO); Fashion Design; or Visual Communication Design (VCD). BFA students may choose to pursue a particular curricular pathway in a design area if they would like to engage in a more focused sequence of courses. Many of the design pathways have a rigorous portfolio review application process, as well as required foundational studio/design prerequisites in order to access the more advanced courses. Please see each curricular pathway description and chart for details.

Below are some **very important** notes about the curricular pathways in design:

1. Completion of curricular pathways is **not** a requirement for graduation; please refer to the current SAIC Student Bulletin for a list of degree requirements.
2. BFA students who opt to follow curricular pathways still graduate with a BFA in Studio; there is no additional degree designation if you follow a curricular pathway.
3. For specific questions about curricular pathways, please contact the appropriate department.

KEY

AH Art History elective credit

FYS First-Year Seminar credit

H Liberal Arts/Humanities credit

SCI Liberal Arts/Natural Science credit

SOC Liberal Arts/Natural Science credit

S Studio elective credit

SS Sophomore Seminar Studio credit

PP Professional Practice Studio credit

CAP Capstone Studio credit

Fall Only

Course only offered in fall semesters

Spring Only

Course only offered in spring semesters

Sophomore Standing

30–59.5 credits complete

Junior Standing

60–89.5 credits complete

Senior Standing

90 or more credits complete

All courses are 3 credits, unless noted otherwise in (parentheses).

Prerequisites are noted by course numbers in [brackets]. Prerequisite courses are in the same department unless otherwise noted.

Note for Academic Spine courses (**SS**, **PP**, **CAP**): Although departments may recommend specific Spine courses as part of their curricular pathways, students may choose Spine courses from any department to fulfill undergraduate degree requirements. For more information on Spine course offerings, please visit the Academic Spine web pages on the SAIC website: saic.edu/academicspine.

Interior Architecture Curricular Pathway

CORE PATHWAY COURSES: INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

(Please note that 1000 level classes are offered in fall and spring. All other core design studios are offered only once a year.)

Interior Architecture Core Design Studio Sequence (45 credits)

(All count as studio credit.)

First Year

INARC 1001 Introduction to Architecture / Interior Architecture

INARC 1002 Design Drawing

Second Year

AIADO 1004 Design Communication

INARC 2001 (Fall only) InArc UG Studio 1 (6) [ARCH/INARC 1001]

INARC 2002 (Spring only) InArc UG Studio 2 (6) [2001+1002]

Third Year

INARC 3021 (Fall only) InArc UG Studio 3 (6) [2002]

INARC 3900 (Spring only) InArc UG Studio 4; Prof. Prac. (6) [3021] **S/PP**

Fourth Year

INARC 4021 (Fall only) InArc UG Studio 5 (6) [3900]

INARC 4900 (Spring only) InArc Capstone Studio (3) [3900 + departmental permission] **S/CAP**

AIADO 4900 (Spring only) Undergraduate Projects (3) [PP 3900, instructor consent] **S/CAP**

ACADEMIC SPINE COURSES RECOMMENDED

(Topic titles may change by semester. Students should choose one option at each level.)

[**SOPHSEM 2900** (Spring only) Arch/Inarc: Design Cultures [sophomore standing] **SS**

or [**SOPHSEM 2900** (Spring only) Designing Your Future [sophomore standing] **SS**

PROFPRAC 3900 Portfolio Development [SS 2900] **PP**

PROFPRAC 3900 Runway Meets Runway [SS 2900] **PP**

INARC 3900 (Spring only) InArc UG Studio 4 (6) [3021] **S/PP**

INARC 4900 (Spring only) InArc Capstone Studio (3) [departmental permission] **S/CAP**

Please note: The AIADO department recommends that pathway students take Spine courses within the department. Please consult with your department chair if you decide to take other Spine courses while still pursuing this pathway.

RECOMMENDED COURSES WITH PREREQUISITES

(Please note that recommended courses may not be offered every semester. Select courses that contribute toward completion of your remaining degree requirements.)

INARC 4011 Construction and Design [2002] **S**

INARC 4056 Architectural Theory [junior standing] **S**

AIADO 4928 No Discipline [junior standing] **S**

AIADO 4945 Eco Design [junior standing] **S**

AIADO 4954 Contemporary Issues in Design [sophomore standing] **S**

RECOMMENDED DEPARTMENT COURSES ABOVE THE INTRODUCTORY LEVEL WITHOUT PREREQUISITES

Open to all students. (Please note that recommended courses may not be offered every semester.)

INARC 2003 Light and Space **S**

INARC 2008 Color and Space **S**

INARC 2014 Matter and Material **S**

AIADO 3917 Parametric Design: Grasshopper/Rhino **S**

AIADO 3921 Scenography **S**

AIADO 4115 Design Action: North Lawndale **S**

AIADO 4903 Landscape / Territory / Field **S**

AIADO 4919 Critical Artifacts **S**

AIADO 4932 Unwrapping Design **S**

AIADO 4950 Parametric Construction: Revit **S**

DESOB 2037 Digital Crafting Basics **S**

DESOB 3032 Ways of Futuring **S**

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RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC COURSES

(Please note that recommended courses may not be offered every semester. These courses may require a prerequisite. Select courses that contribute toward completion of your remaining degree requirements.)

Recommended Art History courses that complement the Interior Architecture Pathway

- ARTHI 2501** (Fall only) History of Space: Interior Architecture **AH**
- ARTHI 3438** (Spring only) Global Architecture: Space and Culture **AH**

Recommended Liberal Arts courses that complement the Interior Architecture Pathway

- ENG 1001** (Fall only) First-Year Seminar I Topic: Ethics and the Environment **FYS**
- HUM 3330** (Spring only) Topics in Philosophy: Environmental Ethics **H/FYS**
- SCI 3007** Knowing Nature **SCI/FYS**
- SCI 3250** (Fall only) Acoustics **SCI/FYS**
- SCI 3460** Light and Vision **SCI/FYS**
- SCI 3252** Physics of Motion **SCI/FYS**
- SCI 3340** (Fall only) Earth's Changing Climate **SCI/FYS**
- SCI 3345** (Spring only) Geoengineering **SCI/FYS**
- SCI 3539** Sustainability **SCI/FYS**
- SOCSOI 3520** (Fall only) Global Environmental History **SOC/FYS**
- SOCSOI 3520** (Spring only) Ecology of Contested Spaces **SOC/FYS**

Additional Information

A variety of other AIADO courses are available to Interior Architecture pathway students. These courses change from semester to semester and often include external partnerships or interdisciplinary opportunities with other art and design departments. Please contact the Interior Architecture program chair for more details.

Notes for students who anticipate obtaining certification from the National Council on Interior Design

Qualification (NCIDQ):

- The BFA Interior Architecture pathway makes students eligible for the NCIDQ exam. Refer to the Interior Design Degree-Non CIDA exam eligibility route for more information: cidq.org/eligibility-requirements.
- Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in courses listed as INARC, along with ARTHI courses addressing architecture and interiors in order to meet the interior design coursework requirements.

Notes for students who anticipate applying to a graduate professional architecture program:

The BFA Interior Architecture pathway qualifies students for the three-year professional Masters of Architecture (MArch) degree. If a student plans to become a licensed architect in the United States, a professional architecture degree is required.

Besides the core design studio classes and the two architectural history courses (see recommended ARTHI courses above), students will need to take:

- One calculus or precalculus course (Available at local community colleges)
- One introductory college-level physics course (such as SCI 3252: *Physics of Motion*)

Do you need additional information? A pathway checklist and program FAQ are available in the AIADO office. You may also complete an advising session with the chair of Architecture, undergraduate coordinator, and/or BFA program advisors by scheduling an appointment through the AIADO office.