

# MASTER of SCIENCE – Integrated Architecture and Design



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The MS Integrated Architecture and Design degree tailor-made for the curious student who wants to apply design thinking to complex programs which extend beyond one discipline. Students are asked to create a research problem that draws from disciplines across the college and university. The degree offers a research program to students from the design disciplines and returning professionals who desire to develop expertise in collaborative, trans- and interdisciplinary studies. Students will be asked to use creative design and research methodologies and visual problem solving to address complex systems.

## What You Learn

At the core of the MS IAD program is a strong emphasis on design thinking as applied to individualized research. With top faculty as your mentors, you will engage in a research project defined by your strengths and interests. Your research may focus on unique problems within or across a number of topics including:

- Environmental studies
- Behavior studies
- Sustainable architecture
- Computing, virtualization and visualization studies
- Spatial/cultural agency and social justice
- Sociological and psychological impacts of the built environment
- Entrepreneurial product development

| Thesis option:                     | Credits | Non-Thesis option                  | Credits |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
| ARCH 500 Thesis                    | 8 - 10  | Interdisciplinary Graduate Studios | 12      |
| ARCH 520 Research Methods          | 3       | Graduate Seminars in 3 disciplines | 12      |
| Graduate Seminars in 3 disciplines | 12      | Graduate Electives                 | 6       |
| Graduate Electives                 | 5 - 7   |                                    |         |

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