

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE, B.S.

HOW TO GET IN

PROSPECTIVE UW–MADISON STUDENTS

All prospective UW–Madison students must apply through the central Office of Admissions and Recruitment (<https://www.admissions.wisc.edu/>).

Freshmen should declare their intention to pursue the interior architecture (IA) major when they apply for admission to UW–Madison. In addition, students may indicate interest in the IA major when registering for Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR).

CURRENT UW–MADISON STUDENTS

PHASE ONE: DESIGN CORE

A 2.75 minimum cumulative GPA is required for declaring the pre-interior architecture major (Phase One). Eligible students should meet with an advisor to declare as early in their academic career as possible.

Transfer students may take longer to complete their degree than students entering the program as freshmen, as they too must complete both Phase One and Phase Two, which contain specialized courses that must be taken sequentially.

Fall Coursework

Students must complete DS 120 and DS 221. Upon completion, students will be evaluated and ranked based on classroom performance and engagement.

Spring Coursework

Students must complete DS 220 and DS 140. In the case that student interest for spring courses exceeds course capacity, student ranking in fall courses (DS 120 and DS 221) and academic performance will be used to determine priority enrollment in the required spring courses. Enrollment in spring courses is not guaranteed and may be limited by permission based on class rankings and academic performance.

After completing DS 120 and DS 221, and while enrolled in DS 220 and DS 140, students may apply for admission to Phase Two: Professional Course Sequence. The selective application process for Phase Two admissions will open during the latter half of the spring semester and decisions will be made once the spring coursework is completed.

PHASE TWO: PROFESSIONAL COURSE SEQUENCE

Advancement into Phase Two is competitive and involves a holistic application process each spring. Evaluation for acceptance into the professional course sequence depends on rankings in the Phase One coursework (DS 120, 221, 220, and 140), cumulative GPA, and engagement within the major.

There are typically 32 available spots each application cycle. This is an industry standard to ensure appropriate student to faculty ratio.

After completing Phase One of the program and upon acceptance into Phase Two, all IA students must purchase a laptop computer based on minimum hardware specification and software licenses determined by the department and updated regularly. Students also have the option, but are not required, to purchase a laptop computer before completion of Phase One of the program.