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 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.
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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.)

INARC 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) [3920]
ARCH/INARC 4900 (Spring only) InArc Capstone Studio (6) [3900 + departmental permission] S/CAP
AIADO 4900 (Spring only) Undergraduate Projects [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
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 (6) [departmental permission] S/CAP

Please note: The AIADO department recommends 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

Recommended Art History courses that complement the Interior Architecture Pathway
ARTHI 2501 History of Space: Interior Architecture AH
ARTHI 3438 Global Architecture: Space and Culture AH

Recommended Liberal Arts courses that complement the Interior Architecture Pathway
ENG 1001 First-Year Seminar I Topic: Ethics and the Environment FYS
ENG 1005 First-Year Seminar II Topic: Object Lessons FYS
HUM 3330 Topics in Philosophy: Ethics and Technology H/FYS
HUM 3330 Topics in Philosophy: Environmental Ethics H/FYS
SCI 3007 Knowing Nature SCI/FYS
SCI 3250 Acoustics SCI/FYS
SCI 3460 Light and Vision SCI/FYS
SCI 3252 Physics of Motion SCI/FYS
SCI 3260 SAIC Carbon Audit SCI/FYS
SCI 3340 Earth's Changing Climate SCI/FYS
SCI 3345 Geointelligence SCI/FYS
SCI 3539 Sustainability SCI/FYS
SOCSCI 3520 Global Environmental History SOC/FYS
SOCSCI 3520 Ecology of Contested Spaces SOC/FYS

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 S
AIADO 3921 Scenography S
AIADO 4932 Unwrapping Design S
AIADO 4950 Parametric Construction: Revit S
AIADO 4954 Contemporary Issues in Design S

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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, 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 Architecture chair and/or BFA program advisors by scheduling an appointment through the AIADO office.