

ARIA (Architecture/Interior Architecture) Academic Standards and Admission Policy

Participation in the Interior Architecture (ARIA) program is highly selective. Students are eligible to apply for the Interior Architecture program in the spring of their second year of the Architecture Program. The ARIA admission process occurs 2 times a year, in a staggered application process. The staggering allows for the ARIA Admissions Board to accept clear candidates in the first round out of second year. Then in the next round, after fall of their third year, an opportunity is provided for students to reapply or to apply if they have shown improvement and/or newfound interest in ARIA. This policy allows for a summer ARIA thesis **class size based on yearly available faculty resources**.

Spring semester applications (2nd year students)

The Interior Architecture faculty will **make a selection of** second year students at the end of Spring semester. **Class size is based on available faculty resources and may vary each year.** These students will initially participate in the ARIA-designated Third Year Fall Semester Studio. Selection of students is based primarily on the ARIA faculty-comprised Admissions Board's assessment of submitted design work. The assessment will be based on the students' statements of intent and on three projects that demonstrate a high quality of design ability. A high quality of design ability is considered to be an indication of an applicant's capability to take on the extra degree requirements of the ARIA degree. Additionally, it is required that accepted students have completed their appropriate studio coursework and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA for conditional acceptance into the ARIA dual degree program.

The students must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in their studio coursework during the third and fourth year to proceed into the ARIA Summer Thesis semester.

Fall semester applications (3rd year students)

The Interior Architecture faculty will **make a selection of** third year students at the end of Fall semester. **Class size is based on available faculty resources and may vary each year.** These students will initially participate in the ARIA-designated Third Year Spring Semester Studio. Selection of students is based primarily on the ARIA faculty-comprised Admissions Board's assessment of submitted design work. The selection will be based on the students' statements of intent and on three projects that demonstrate a high quality of design ability. A high quality of design ability is considered to be an indication of an applicant's capability to take on the extra degree requirements of the ARIA degree. In the event that some applicants do not demonstrate a high quality of design ability, as assessed by the ARIA Admissions Board, **then less students than resources permit** may be accepted in the Fall semester application process. Additionally, it is required that accepted students have completed their appropriate studio coursework and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA for conditional acceptance into the ARIA dual degree program.

The students must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in their studio coursework during the third and fourth year to proceed into the ARIA Summer Thesis semester.

Waitlist

In the event of a waitlist, students will be notified and ranked as alternates for possible admittance into the ARIA program as availability occurs if the number of summer ARIA students drops **below the available number of places**. When availability occurs, in order to progress from the waitlist into the program, the student will be invited to submit their recent work to be reassessed by the ARIA Admissions Board. Only if the ARIA Admissions Board judges the quality of the recent work to be of an appropriately high standard will the waitlisted student be accepted into the summer program. It is possible to have **less than the available number of places filled** in the summer thesis program.

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