

# MASTERS PROGRAMS in INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE



## MASTER OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE (MIA)

- For students with a bachelor's degree in a field other than interior design
- Prepares students to become interior designers who can transform a conceptual design idea through problem solving and graphic communication into a detailed solution that addresses human behavior, aesthetics, building technologies, and the health, safety, and welfare of the public
- Students participate in a comprehensive portfolio review after the completion of Interior Architecture II
- Integration of environmental sustainability in all aspects of the program
- Curriculum structured around studio course sequence that culminates with a graduate capstone project that stresses evidence-based design
- Newly renovated Chatham Eastside features studios, exhibition and critique space, and a state-of-the-art computer classroom
- Small class sizes
- Internship opportunities
- Graduate assistantships available

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE (MSIA)

- For students with an undergraduate degree in interior design or architecture
- An online program that allows students to explore a specific building type, user group, or design issue in depth and to develop a specialization
- Graduates are prepared for a future in higher education, a doctoral program, or a specialized career in interior design
- Students defend thesis in residence at Chatham University
- Emphasis on design theory
- Supervised teaching opportunities

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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### College For Graduate Studies

#### MASTER OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

- Official transcript verifying the completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 may gain conditional admittance to the program based on the overall strength of their application
- May 1 preferred application deadline; rolling admission
- Completed and signed application for admission, including:
  - A personal statement of intent explaining why you would like to pursue a graduate degree in interior architecture.
  - Curriculum vita or resume
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - Payment of non-refundable \$45 application feeOnline application without fee:  
<http://www.chatham.edu/admissions/apply.cfm>

### College for Continuing and Professional Studies

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

- Official transcript verifying the completion of a baccalaureate degree in interior design or architecture from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale
- Online application without fee at: [www.chatham.edu/sceapp](http://www.chatham.edu/sceapp)
- A statement identifying and explaining your educational objectives and research topic (completed with online application)
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Two letters of recommendation

## CHATHAM UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN COMMUNICATION, HUMANITIES, AND DESIGN

- [Master of Arts in Landscape Studies](#)
- [Master of Landscape Architecture](#)
- [Master of Interior Architecture](#)
- [Master of Science in Interior Architecture](#)
- [Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing](#)
- [Master of Fine Arts in Film & Digital Technology](#)

## MASTER OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE (72 credits)

For students with a bachelor's degree in a field other than interior design. Part-time enrollment is available but extends the length of time needed to complete the degree since coursework is sequential.

### CURRICULUM FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

#### YEAR 1

*Fall (Students enroll in 15 credits, but only take 12 credits at one time)*

- History of Interior Architecture: Prehistory to the 19th Century (3)
- Environment & Behavior (3)
- Interior Materials (3)
- Drawing and Model Making Studio (3) *(7-week session)*
- Drafting Studio (3) *(7-week session)*

*Spring (Students enroll in 15 credits, but only take 12 credits at one time)*

- Digital Drawing (3)
- Construction Methods (3)
- Green and Sustainable Design (3)
- Theory of Interior Architecture Studio (3) *(7-week session)*
- Interior Architecture (3) *(7-week session)*

*Summer (Students enroll in 12 credits, but only take 9 credits at one time)*

- Building Codes (3)
- Advanced Computer Applications in Interior Architecture (3)
- Interior Architecture II (3) *(7-week session)*
- Lighting & Acoustics Studio (3) *(7-week session)*

#### YEAR 2

*Fall (Students enroll in 15 credits, but take 12 credits the first seven weeks and nine credits the second seven weeks)*

- Graduate Research Methods (3)
- Building Systems (3)
- Interior Architecture III (3) *(7-week session)*
- Visual Communication Studio (3) *(7-week session)*
- Construction Documents Studio (3) *(7-week session)*

*Spring*

- 20th and 21st Century Architecture (3)
- Professional Practice (3)
- Capstone Studio (6)
- Internship (3)

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE (30 credits)

A one-year online program for students with an undergraduate degree in interior design or architecture.

Fall (12 credits)

- Statistics (3)
- Writing (3)
- Graduate Research Methods (3)
- Interior Architecture Inquiry (3)

Spring (12 credits)

- Supervised Teaching (3)
- Current Issues in Interior Architecture (3)
- Elective (3)
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Summer (6 credits)

- Thesis (6)

