

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/MASTER OF SCIENCE
CHRISTOPHER C. GIBBS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2025 through Spring 2026

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	156
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	41
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	3.00
Major - Combined and OU	3.00

Program
Environmental Design/Interior Design (First Professional)
A384/F587 Q224
Bachelor of Science/Master of Science

OU encourages students to complete at least 32 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 5 years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses designated as Core I, II, III, IV, or V are part of the General Education curriculum. Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of General Education courses, chosen from the approved list, including at least one upper-division Gen. Ed. course outside of the student's major. **Courses graded S/U or P/NP will not apply.**

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>Language (0-10 hours in the same language)</i>		
This requirement can be met by two years of the same language in high school:		0-10
Beginning Course (0-5 hours)		
Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours)		
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose one course		
		3
Core Area II: Natural Science (including one laboratory)		
<i>Natural Science</i>		
Choose one course		
		3
<i>Natural Science with Lab</i>		
Choose one course from a different topic than natural science		
		4
Core Area III: Social Science		
P.SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course		
		3
Core Area IV: Arts & Humanities		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course		
		3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course ¹		
		3
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one general education course at the upper division (3000-4000) level and outside of the major		
		3
Core Area V: First-Year Experience		
Choose one FYE course ²		
		3
Total Credit Hours		37-47

¹ Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493.

² PDC 1003 Gateway to Building Communities is the recommended FYE course for Gibbs College of Architecture students.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Some courses required for the major may also fulfill the University General Education Requirements.

A grade of C or better must be earned in each course counted for major and major support credit.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ARCH 4453	Modern and Contemporary Architecture	3
L A 4613	Landscape Architecture Computer Applications	3
L A 4103	Introduction to Landscape Architecture	3
RCPL 4213	Principles and Practice of Urban Planning	3
EN D 3893	Intro to Urban Real Estate Development	3
EN D 3993	Environmental Design Practicum	3
EN D 4893	Historic Preservation Planning	3
EN D 4993	Environmental Design Capstone	3
Electives		
Choose 17 hours from a list of approved courses maintained by the department ¹		17
Total Credit Hours		41

¹ I D 2223 Human-Centered Design and I D 3473 History of Interior Design are recommended major electives.

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro	3
ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	3
Choose one of the following:		3
COMM 1113	Principles of Communication	
COMM 2213	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 2613	Public Speaking	
ECON 2843	Elements of Statistics	3
or PSY 2003	Understanding Statistics	
Ecology Elective		
Choose 3 hours from a list of approved courses maintained by the department		3
Total Credit Hours		15

SHARED HOURS

These 27 hours of graduate credit may count for both the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
I D 5523	Graduate Studio I	3
I D 5793	Interior Materials and Specifications	3
I D 5763	Graduate Interior Design Computer Application	3
I D 5533	Graduate Studio II	3
I D 5123	Environment and Human Behavior	3
I D 5773	Graduate Interior Construction	3
I D 5163	Design Computation Visualization and Analysis	3
I D 5343	Indoor Environmental Quality	3
ARCH 5543	Architectural Theory and Criticism	3
Total Credit Hours		27

M.S. IN INTERIOR DESIGN (FIRST PROFESSIONAL) COMPONENT

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core		
I D 5534	Graduate Studio III	4
ARCH 5463	Advanced Sustainable and Resilient Systems	3
Choose 3 hours of any Gibbs College of Architecture Research Methods course approved by the graduate liaison		3
I D 5544	Graduate Studio IV	4
I D 5564	Graduate Studio V	4
I D 5573	Interior Lighting	3

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I D 5413	Indoor Controls and Technology	3
I D 5463	Interior Design Office Professional Practice	3
Research Elective		
Choose 3 hours of graduate-level research coursework from the approved list of courses maintained by the department		3
Project		
I D 5950	Masters of Science in Interior Design Project	6
Total Credit Hours		36

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/gibbs-architecture/planning-landscape-architecture-design/environmental-design-bachelor-science-interior-design-first-professional-master-science/>).

SUGGESTED SEMESTER PLAN OF STUDY

A minimum grade of C is required in all major and major support coursework.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER		Hours	SECOND SEMESTER		Hours	
FIRST YEAR	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3	Any Gen. Ed. Approved MATH course (Core I)		3	
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 or United States, 1865 to the Present	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition or Expository Writing	3	
		Natural Science - Advised Elective (Core II)	3	P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3	
		Communications Elective	3		Ecology Elective	3	
		First-Year Experience (Core V) ¹	3	ECON 1113	Principles of Economics-Macro	3	
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15	
SECOND YEAR		Natural Science with Lab - Advised Elective (Core II)	4	Artistic Forms (Core IV)		3	
		Western Civilization - Advised Elective (Core IV)	3	Social Science - Advised Elective (Core III)		3	
	ECON 1123	Principles of Economics-Micro	3	Major Elective ²		3	
	L A 4103	Introduction to Landscape Architecture	3	ECON 2843 or PSY 2003	Elements of Statistics or Understanding Statistics	3	
		Major Elective ²	3	Major Elective		3	
		CREDIT HOURS		16	CREDIT HOURS		15
		SUMMER					
		Upper-Division World Culture (Core IV)	3				
		Major Elective	3				
	CREDIT HOURS		6				
THIRD YEAR	RCPL 4213	Principles and Practice of Urban Planning	3	EN D 3993	Environmental Design Practicum	3	
	EN D 3893	Intro to Urban Real Estate Development	3	L A 4613	Landscape Architecture Computer Applications	3	
	I D 5523	Graduate Studio I ³	3	I D 5793	Interior Materials and Specifications ³	3	
	ARCH 4453	Modern and Contemporary Architecture	3	I D 5533	Graduate Studio II ³	3	
	EN D 4893	Historic Preservation Planning	3	I D 5763	Graduate Interior Design Computer Application ³	3	
		CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15
		SUMMER					
		Major Elective	2				
		Major Elective	3				
	CREDIT HOURS		5				
FOURTH YEAR	ARCH 5463	Advanced Sustainable and Resilient Systems	3	EN D 4993	Environmental Design Capstone	3	
	I D 5534	Graduate Studio III	4	I D 5343	Indoor Environmental Quality ³	3	
	I D 5123	Environment and Human Behavior ³	3	ARCH 5543	Architectural Theory and Criticism ³	3	
	I D 5773	Graduate Interior Construction ³	3	I D 5544	Graduate Studio IV	4	
	I D 5163	Design Computation Visualization and Analysis ³	3	Approved Research Methods ⁴		3	
	CREDIT HOURS		16	CREDIT HOURS		16	
FIFTH YEAR	I D 5564	Graduate Studio V	4	I D 5413	Indoor Controls and Technology	3	
	I D 5573	Interior Lighting	3	I D 5950	Masters of Science in Interior Design Project	4	
	I D 5950	Masters of Science in Interior Design Project	2	I D 5463	Interior Design Office Professional Practice	3	
		Approved Research Elective	3				
	CREDIT HOURS		12	CREDIT HOURS		10	

¹ PDC 1003 is the recommended First-Year Experience (Core V) course for Gibbs College of Architecture students.

² I D 2223 and I D 3473 are recommended as major electives.

³ Shared coursework: 27 hours may be used to meet the degree requirements for both the B.S. and M.S.

⁴ Any research methods course offered by the Gibbs College of Architecture and approved by the graduate liaison.