

MA in Architectural Studies with Emphasis in Environment and Behavior

The Environment and Behavior focus is on the multifaceted relationship between people and their physical, social and cultural environments. Environment-behavior research explores a variety of environments, linking them to a range of behavioral concerns. This program is suitable for persons who seek careers in research, consulting, and/or teaching in architecture, interior design, and other environmental design disciplines. A design project leads to the MA degree. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the research interests of program faculty (<http://arch.missouri.edu/people.html>) prior to applying.

Focus areas in environment and behavior include:

- Health and Well-Being
- Sustainable Design
- Design Education
- Social and Cultural Bases of Design
- Place Attachment
- Environments for Learning
- Inclusive Design/Accessibility
- Environment and Aging
- Housing and Neighborhood Design
- Programming, Design and Post-Occupancy Evaluation

The culmination of the degree is a written and/or visual project. Applicants interested in the Environment and Behavior option should contact the Director of Graduate Studies. Also see the Department web site (<http://arch.missouri.edu/>) and the Architectural Studies Graduate Handbook (<https://arch.missouri.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/handbook.pdf>).

Degree Requirements

Successful completion requires a minimum of 30 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree. Required courses include:

ARCHST 8050	Research Methods in Environmental Design	3
ARCHST 8850	Seminar in Environmental Design	1
ARCHST 8887	Environment and Behavior II	3
ARCHST 8840	Graduate Design Studio	3

Remaining credits to meet degree requirements can be chosen from graduate courses (7000 level or above) listed on the Architectural Studies Graduate Course website (http://arch.missouri.edu/academics_gradcourses.html). A minimum of 15 credit hours should be at the 8000 or 9000 level and no more than 40% of the 30-hour credit requirement can be satisfied by independent study style courses such as Readings, and Problems coursework.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<http://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility->

[process/minimum-requirements.php](#)). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Before official admissions to the University of Missouri, your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you've applied.

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