

MS in Architectural Studies with Emphasis in Environment and Behavior

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The Environment and Behavior focus is on the multifaceted relationships 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. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the research interests of program faculty (<https://arch.missouri.edu/people/>) prior to applying.

Current study 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 and Post-Occupancy Evaluation

The culmination of the MS degree is a written thesis. Applicants interested in the Environment and Behavior option should contact the Director of Graduate Studies, for course content and research proposals. Also see the Department website (<https://arch.missouri.edu/>).

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 8630	Philosophy of Environmental Design Research	3

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/>). Because requirements vary, please refer to the 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.

Program Contact

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