MA in Architectural Studies

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Master of Art
The creative, project-based MA plan of study is preparation for advanced careers in the design professions and higher education. The non-thesis project is conducted in one or two areas: (1) environment and behavior or (2) design with digital media. The MA project is an in-depth investigation of a design problem culminating in a design solution or visual research presentation.

Also see the Department web site for additional information: Masters Programs (http://arch.missouri.edu/academics_masters.html), Emphasis Areas (http://arch.missouri.edu/graduate.html), Online Study (http://arch.missouri.edu/academics_online2.html), Architectural Studies Graduate Handbook (http://arch.missouri.edu/docs/academics/PhD/handbook.pdf), and Spotlight on Alumni (http://arch.missouri.edu/alumni.html).

Design Research Concentration
A Design Research concentration is offered for:

- Designers engaged in interior design, architecture, graphic or interaction design who require applied research skills from companies/organizations.
- Researchers with a background in social sciences, anthropology etc. who conduct research for creative product development in industry -- Healthcare IT companies, Engineering etc.
- Business and market professionals to advance understanding of design research for marketing.

The course work for the concentration is applied to the program of study. For specifics, see Design Research Concentration (http://arch.missouri.edu/academics_DesignResearch.html) on department web site. Concentrations do not appear on diplomas or transcripts.

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Admission Criteria
Fall deadline: January 15
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Minimum TOEFL scores: The Department adopts minimum campus language requirements (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/international/language-requirements.php#English) as described by the Office of Graduate Studies.

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