MS in Architectural Studies

Research is conducted in one of two emphasis areas: (1) environment and behavior or (2) design with digital media. Within each of these emphasis areas, specific course work is chosen on the basis of subject matter and the type of research method selected: quantitative, qualitative or a combination of both. The MS may be a research-based study or a design and research-based design project. The MS culminates in a thesis meeting University thesis requirements. The MS plan of study is in preparation for advanced professional practice or preparation for the doctoral degree.

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

The Design Research Concentration can be applied toward the program of study. The concentration is of interest to:

- 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.

For more information, see Design Research Concentration (http://arch.missouri.edu/academics_DesignResearch.html) on the department's web site.

Degree Requirements

The student’s program for MS degree must include a minimum of 30 hours of graduate credit beyond the bachelor’s degree (or its equivalent). Fifteen of the 30-hour minimum must be selected from courses numbered at 8000 or 9000 level; no more than 40% of the 30-hour credit requirement can be satisfied by Research, Readings and Problems coursework.

Thesis Requirements

Research is conducted in one of two emphasis areas: environment and behavior studies (see http://arch.missouri.edu/academics_ebs.html) or design with digital media (see http://arch.missouri.edu/academics_ddm.html). Within each of these emphasis areas, specific course work is chosen based on subject matter and the type of research method selected: quantitative, qualitative or a combination of both. The coursework lays the foundation for a research-based, written thesis investigating a theoretical or applied problem using appropriate research methods. The research-based study MS is often undertaken as preparation for the doctoral degree.

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