# Master of Science in
# Interior Architecture

# Evidence-based design practice

Chatham's Master of Science in Interior Architecture is a flexible degree designed to expand upon the education and experience of professionals with an accredited undergraduate degree in interior design or architecture. With an emphasis on design theory and evidence-based inquiry, the MSIA allows students to explore a specific building type, user group, or design issue for an in-depth inquiry and to develop a specialization. THE MSIA program is available online, on-campus, or as a hybrid of both.

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The Master of Science in Interior Architecture is a program within Chatham University's **SCHOOL OF ARTS, SCIENCE & BUSINESS**. Programs in the School of Arts, Science & Business leverage Chatham's strengths in the liberal arts, business, communications, and the arts, and complement them with professional preparation that helps students prepare for their futures and the next steps in their professional and academic careers.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- A holistic design approach encourages students to consider all factors that influence the design of interior spaces, including human behavior, aesthetics, and building technology, and with the integrated vision of the architectural envelope and its surroundings.
- The MSIA program ensures personalized attention as students explore the intellectual aspects of interior design in preparation for a career in higher education or as a specialized interior designer.
- Coursework focuses on the design research of residential and commercial spaces – how design connects the user to the spatial environment through furniture, furnishings, systems and codes.
- With the MSIA, you can enhance your professional skills in as little as one year while maintaining a balance between work, school, and social life.
- The MSIA will prepare you to start your career in teaching interior design in a college or university. Some graduates choose to pursue work as an interior design specialist or to pursue doctoral degrees.
- In 2010, Chatham University's interior architecture program received the Leadership award from the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Pennsylvania West chapter in recognition of its commitment to and accomplishments in sustainability.

## SAMPLE COURSES

### IAR655 Graduate Research Methods
This graduate seminar is a review and analysis of published research in the disciplines of interior design and architecture. Students are introduced to various methods for gathering information and conducting research with emphasis placed on the selection and utilization of data collection strategies and tools, culminating in the development of a research proposal.

### IAR661 Interior Architecture Inquiry
This course will introduce students to architectural theory through specific readings that will enable them to establish basic critical reasoning skills utilizing theoretical works. The course will focus on reading and discussing seminal texts while understanding their historical importance to architecture and interior design.

### IAR662 Issues in Interior Architecture
Students are introduced to current writings and discussion related to sustainability and globalization, which are then analyzed for their relevance to the decisions made by interior architects. An awareness of current issues and how the student may impact them provides a framework as students engage in research for their thesis.

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## OUTCOMES

Here are some of companies where our graduates have found employment:

- Perkins Eastman, Pittsburgh, PA
- MK DESIGN, New York, NY
- Nile Johnson Interior Design, Philadelphia, PA
- Art Institute of California, Los Angeles, CA
- Anne Kustner Lighting Design, Chicago, IL
- Bouyea & Associates, Inc., San Francisco, CA
- United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Pittsburgh, PA
- Eurasia Group, Pittsburgh, PA
- Imagination Grid LLC, Savannah, GA
- LaFace & McGovern Associates, Pittsburgh, PA
- The Beard Group, Cleveland, OH
- Basic Concept Interiors, Pittsburgh, PA
- DLA+ Architecture & Interior Design, Pittsburgh, PA
- Gerald Lee Morosco Architects, PC, Pittsburgh, PA
- Ethan Allen, Pittsburgh, PA
- Workplace Environments, Plymouth Meeting, PA
- Desmone and Associates Architects, Pittsburgh, PA
- Stantec Architecture, Pittsburgh, PA

"A solid interior design education yields practitioners who protect and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of humankind. Our programs are also aligned with current issues such as global awareness, community engagement, and sustainable design. The outcome is graduates who are technically savvy and broad thinking designers. This is what sets us apart."

**–KYRA TUCKER,** *program director/chair of interior architecture*

"My goal is to prepare students with both the necessary technical skills and the behaviors of critical thinking that will enable success in their professional lives."

**— GREGORY GALFORD,** *assistant professor in interior architecture*

## LEARN MORE

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## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete online application
- Personal Statement
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Two letters of recommendation from previous faculty or employers
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended verifying the completion of a baccalaureate degree in interior design or architecture from an accredited college or university with an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Portfolio or website link of relevant design practice
- Probationary admission may be granted for applicants with a GPA of less than a 3.0 who show extreme promise through their other achievements.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Fall Recommended Deadline: July 1
- Spring Recommended Deadline: November 1

**Note:** If you are applying after a recommended deadline, please notify the Office of Admission and the program director.

## Apply online at apply.chatham.edu

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