MU Department of Architectural Studies Consumer Information

Degree Granting Authority: University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65211

Brief History:
The University of Missouri was founded in 1839 as the first public university west of the Mississippi River and the first state university in Thomas Jefferson’s Louisiana Purchase Territory. In 1900 the first interior design course was taught. In 1972 the interior design program was accredited in the first group of five programs in the nation to be accredited. The program has had continuous accreditation.

Accreditations:
(1) The Higher Learning Commission: A Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;
(2) Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) for interior design program.

What are the top three “pride points?”
- Award-winning PhD teaching faculty for both undergraduate and graduate instruction. See faculty credentials at http://arch.missouri.edu/people.html
- National recognition for accredited interior design program and online graduate program.
- Long-standing reputation and commitment to integrate design with digital media which includes immersive visualization lab “iLab.” See http://arch.missouri.edu/resources_ilab.html

Department Chairs:
Kate Ellen Rogers (1954-1984); Ruth Brent Tofle (1984 – Present)

Advisory Board:
Members are practicing professionals involved in academic development, student career development, internships, employment, and financial support. They come to campus both fall and winter semesters to meet with students and participate in mock interviews and thesis critiques.

Unique facilities:
Immersive Visualization Lab “iLab,” Boone County Lumber Building Technology Lab, and Rogers Gallery. See http://arch.missouri.edu/resources.html

Online learning:
Five undergraduate courses are offered online annually. Four additional online undergraduate classes are rotated every two years. All graduate courses in the Environment and Behavior emphasis at both masters and doctoral levels are offered online and scheduled on a rotational basis.

Enrollment Data (Fall 2013, published Fall 2014):
- BS HES Architectural Studies: 173 undergraduates
- Interior Design Emphasis: 82 Interior Design majors
- MA / MS (Masters – online and resident; part-time and full time): 10 students
- PhD HES Architectural Studies (online & resident; part-time & full time): 32 students

Minority Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment (Fall 2013, published Fall 2014):
37 (17.2%) students. Minority headcount includes African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic and Multiple Race/Ethnicity.

1 Quantitative data are provided by the MU Office of Institutional Research. Statistics on enrollment in Fall 2013 are published Fall 2014 in the College of Human Environmental Sciences Statistics Book 2014.
Percentage enrolled excludes Non-Resident International and Unknown ethnicity in the base calculation.

**Degrees Awarded** (Summer 2012 – Spring 2013, published Fall 2014):
- BS HES Architectural Studies: 37 students – 24 Interior Design; 13 Architectural Studies
- MA / MS: 4 Masters – online and resident
- PhD HES Architectural Studies: 2 Doctorates – online and resident

**Department Post-Graduation Undergraduate Alumni Follow-up** (Graduating Seniors in academic year Fall 2013-Summer 2014 interviewed in Fall 2014): 64.2% employed in a design field; 14.2% accepted in a graduate Master’s degree program; 7.1% employed in another field; 9.5% unable to contact; 4.7% military & traveling.

**Department Degree Completion and Retention/Attrition:**
Students enter the undergraduate professional program by taking Studio I in their first semester sophomore year on the sample program. Degree completion is high for students enrolled in the beginning 2009 Studio I cohort enrolled in the Department of Architectural Studies: 83% in 4 years or less; 85% in 5 years or less; 88% in 6 years or less.

**Interior Design Student Achievement in CIDA program**
(Fall 2013 census, published 2014)
- Majors: 91 students in four year program
- Retention for student cohort beginning professional program: 100%
- Attrition for student cohort beginning professional program: 0%
- Graduation rates completing degree: 100% in 4 years or less.

(Fall 2013-Summer 2014 collected in Fall 2014)
- Post-graduation rates of employment in design field 70.9% (22); acceptance into graduate programs 9.6% (3); employment in another field 6.4% (2); other life choice 6.4% (2); unable to contact 6.4% (2).

**Minors:**
- Minor in Entrepreneurship is offered to majors. Minor in Architectural Studies is offered to non-majors.

**Two Endowed Lectureships:**
The Carol Ann Williams Lectureship in Design is offered in the Spring Semester and the Marcia Wehrle Healy and Robert N. Healy Interior Design and Architecture Lecture Series is offered in the Fall Semester. Well-known, accomplished professionals deliver a key-note address and meet with students and faculty.

**Federally funded project:**
- Great Plains ADA Center home base in the Department; (5-yr grant at $1 mil/annual)

**Memberships, cooperative agreements, and leadership:**
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA)
- Architecture Research Centers Consortium (ARCC)
- Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)
- University of Kansas Architecture M Arch program – advisement cooperation for smooth transition from bachelor’s degree to M Arch
- Editorial office of *Journal of Housing for the Elderly* Routledge Taylor & Francis Group