

MU Department of Architectural Studies
Optional Seven-Month Internship

Internships often lead to increased employment opportunities. An Architectural Studies student may seek the option of a planned internship during a seven-month time period of the Spring Semester and Summer Session¹. The internship will take place during the student’s junior or senior year with a minimum of one remaining semester for the student to complete their thesis project. This will be a paid internship experience combined with online classes off campus.

Students pursuing the off-campus seven-month internship will be required to submit proposals where internships would be conducted for approval by faculty before the following Spring and Summer semesters. Students may seek their own internship employer or work with an internship employer identified by the department. Internship employers may specify minimum computing skills and the emphasis area of interior design or architectural studies. Faculty will meet with potential interns to discuss the level of commitment and expectations.

Information for potential student interns

ArchSt 4940 Internship 3 - 16 cr

Potential course substitution. Internship experience may substitute for course requirements. A list of experiences and tasks will be identified by the department and provided to both the intern and the internship mentor for potential substitution of some of the following courses:

- ArchSt 4815 Construction Documents & BIM Studio 4 cr
- ArchSt 4333 Compliance and Specifications 3 cr
- ArchSt Studio III or IV..... 4 cr

At the completion of the internship, faculty will review the work completed during the internship period and make a final determination of how the nature of the particular internship experience may substitute required coursework or if additional coursework is required to meet competencies of courses.

Online coursework taken off-campus. Students who want to carry a full load during the internship semester may take additional courses online for credit:

- ArchSt 4710 Design Business Practices 3 cr
- ArchSt 4323 Sustainable Technologies (taken online in Spring)..... 3 cr
- ArchSt 4430 Historic Preservation (taken online in Spring or Summer)..... 3 cr
- ArchSt 4860 Programming for Senior Thesis..... 1 cr

The instructor in these courses will monitor the quality and progress and also assign the grade for the above courses.

Students will be asked to keep a weekly journal of activities and give a presentation of their internship in the following fall semester during a “Brown Bag Seminar.”

¹ In special circumstances, a 7-month internship could be arranged with an internship employer for the summer and fall semesters. Students should work with department faculty to plan a program of study accordingly.