

MFA with project thesis

For students starting 2015		Revised 4/30/15
Major Professor and committee serve as advisors		
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
Year One		
IND 5634 Pre-Des Research & Prgrm (Topic Selection) (3)	IND 5636 Theory & Criticism (3)	IND 5971 Thesis (2)
IND 5638 Design Issues (3)	IND 5637 Research Methods (3)	5xxx Elective or Internship*** (1-3)
IND5445 Furniture Design OR 5xxx elective (3)	EDF 5400 Basic Descriptive and Inferential Statistics (4)	5xxx Elective or Internship*** (1-3)
Elective or Internship*** (1-3)	ENG 5998 Writing Graduate Papers (1-3)	
10-12 Hours	11-13 Hours	2-8 Hours
Benchmarks	Benchmarks	Benchmarks
Select Major Professor by end of semester	Meet with Major Professor regularly	Opportunity to study abroad first 6 weeks
Select Topic: Determine if track will be Research or Project-Based	Finish substantial part of review of literature (Ch.2) in Research Methods class	Finalize and submit IRB (if necessary)
Present topic to faculty in Research & Programming Class	Complete draft of Chapter 3	Defend Prospectus (Chapters 1-3) in second 6 weeks
Select Committee	Complete draft of IRB (if necessary)	
FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
Year Two		
IND 5634 Pre-Des Research & Prgrm (Program/Writing) (3)	IND 5281 Graduate Studio VI (3)	IND 5282 Grad Studio VII (3)
ENG 5998 Writing Graduate Papers (1-3)	IND 5971 Thesis (2)	IND 5971 Thesis (2)
EDH 5305 College Teaching (3)	IND 5315 Advanced Visual Communications (3) OR 5xxx elective (3)	IND 8976 Thesis Defense- 0 hours
IND 5971 Thesis (2)	IND 5528 Portfolio Review (2) (or in summer)	IND 5528 Portfolio Review (2) (or in spring)
5xxx Elective or Internship*** (1-3)		5xxx Elective or Internship*** (1-3) (if hours are still needed)
10-14 Hours	8-10 Hours	7-10 Hours
Benchmarks	Benchmarks	Benchmarks
Conduct original research	Complete significant part of design project	Complete & defend Thesis (meeting university deadlines)
Complete Chapter 4 (Findings)	Work on Chapter 6 (Project) and Chapter 7 (Conclusions)	Take at least 2 thesis hours in final semester
Complete Chapter 5 (Programming)	Begin work on final portfolio	Present portfolio at Dept. Final Showcase Event
Required hourly minimums		Minimum 60 Hours Required
8 thesis hours total starting first year summer with 2 hours in each successive semester		
***Elective course options		
Fall	Spring	Summer
IND 5445 Graduate Furniture Design (3) by instructor permission only. (fall only)	IND 5157 Decorative Arts (3) (spring only)	
	IND5945 Supervised Teaching (3)	
	Any 5000 level Interior Design course, including studios	
	Any 5000 level or higher course at FSU (check with that Department for availability)	
	An FSU concentration course (see http://www.gradstudies.fsu.edu/Academics-Research/Graduate-Certificate-Programs)	
Internship (see Jim Dawkins or Kenan Fishburne). A maximum of 9 credit hours of internship can count toward the degree. Each credit hour of internship = 3 hours of internship time per week. At least 3 credit hours must be taken during any given semester (9 hours of work/week). Internship credit hours in excess of 3 per semester are possible.		
A course that satisfies the Preparing Future Professionals certificate (see http://gradschool.fsu.edu/Professional-Development/Preparing-Future-Professionals-PFP)		
A course that satisfies the Preparing Future Faculty certificate (see http://gradschool.fsu.edu/Professional-Development/Preparing-Future-Faculty-PFF)		
A Directed Independent Study course proposed by you and approved by an Interior Design Professor (see Jill Pable)		