

## Curriculum Policies

The policies of the Undergraduate Program were developed with the best interests of the students in mind. Minimum requirements for overall and studio performance ensure that students understand the rigors of design, and by doing well in an academic setting, will be prepared to enter a competitive work force. Students who fall below these standards in the protected environment of an academic setting where faculty members are invested in the success of each student are not likely to do well in competitive professional practice.

- Students are expected to maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA overall, a minimum 2.0 GPA in the IARC Major, and a minimum 2.0 in their studio courses.
- Students with less than a 2.0 GPA overall, in the IARC major, or in any studio course, will be informed in writing by the Department Chair that a probationary period has begun. Students must raise their GPA and/or studio grades to the required 2.0 during the successive semester. Those who do not will be suspended from active status as an Interior Architecture major for a period of one semester.
- Students earning a D or F in a studio (IAR 101, 102, 201, 202, 301, 302, 411, 412) will be required to repeat the course.
- Students on probation twice within a four semester studio sequence will be suspended from active status as an Interior Architecture major for a period of one year. Students in this situation who are enrolled in 4th- and 5th-year courses will meet with the Department Chair to discuss their future in the department.
- Students who have been suspended for a year may then petition the department in writing to enroll in Interior Architecture courses. The Department Chair will determine the conditions of re-enrollment such as completing particular course requirements, and inform the student in writing of the departmental decision.
- To appeal a decision regarding probation or suspension, students may submit a letter to the Department Chair explaining the current situation and the reason for the appeal. After consultation with the IARC Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, the Department Chair will write to the student regarding his/her future in the department.
- Students in Interior Architecture are required to complete all course requirements before advancing to a successive studio course, unless granted an exception in writing by the Department Chair. Students who receive an Incomplete, for example, in a studio course must complete that course no later than the Friday of the first week of classes of the successive studio. The Department of Interior Architecture recognizes that university policy allows a 6 month period to finish an Incomplete course; however, due to the sequential nature of studio courses, students must satisfy the course requirements of each studio before advancing to the next level. Students who do not complete the course requirements from a previous studio within the first week of classes will be dropped from the studio course in which they are enrolled.
- Students are expected to complete their work in accordance with the Academic Integrity Policy at UNCG. The latest edition is available in the current Student Calendar Handbook or on the UNCG Web site.
- Because many learning experiences occur beyond the classroom, the Department of Interior Architecture has an active Speaker Series and often has guests in the department. These events and end of the semester critiques are part of the educational experience, and students are expected to attend. If an absence is necessary, students must inform the faculty member teaching their studio course of the planned absence prior to the event.