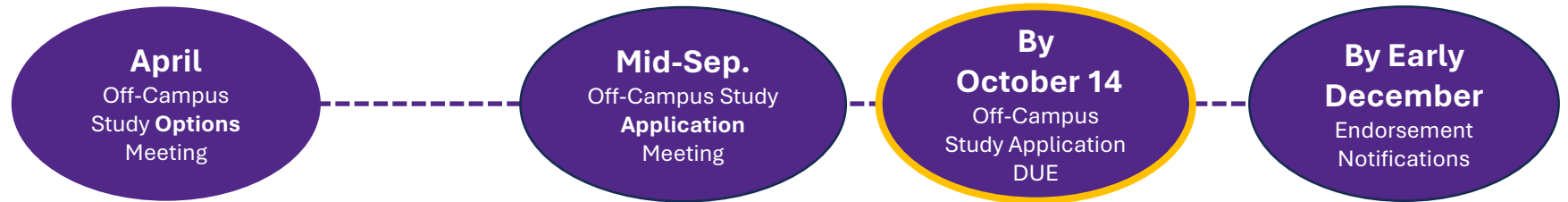


Off-Campus Study Options Meeting

IARC & INDD Students

April 9, 2026

Off-Campus Study Application & Endorsement Process



October 14, 2026

Off-Campus Study Application DUE

IAID Meeting Agenda

April 9, 2026

1. Advising Process

Mitzi Farmer, Director of Academic Services

2. APDesign Italian Studies Program

Jessica Canfield, APD Director of International Programs

3. Education Abroad

Katelin Christianer-Donkers, K-State Education Abroad Advisor

4. Kansas City Design Center (KCDC)

Lauren Harness, Director

5. Internship

IARC, Scott Barton, Assistant Professor

INDD, Timothy McKeown, Professor of Practice

6. Next Steps

Courtney Markle, Project Coordinator, SAS Office

Q&A

Advising Process

Interior Architecture Required Off-Campus Options

2027 - 2028

Interior Architecture Students						
<u>Semester</u>	APD Italian Studies Program	K-State in Italy Summer <small>*not studio based</small>	Education Abroad	KCDC	Internship	Important Notes for IARC Students
Summer (after 3 rd yr.)		X	X		X	After selecting your option for spring, you must select an option for one of the summer sessions. IARC students <u>may not</u> enroll in the same option for both spring and summer. Education Abroad options during spring semester <u>must</u> include an approved studio experience. <u>Summer education abroad is not required to include a studio experience.</u> Options are subject to change based on enrollment and availability.
Spring	X		X	X	X	
Summer (after 4 th yr.)		X	X		X	

Our students' design and planning studies are enriched by frequent interaction with the world outside Seaton/Regnier Hall. Many participate in an education abroad experience and complete an internship. Other students choose to study urban issues at the Kansas City Design Center. All Interior Architecture students, after finishing their third-year, are required to choose two of the following (one must be semester-long experience in the spring of 4th year):

- **APDesign Italian Studies Program or Education Abroad,**
- **Internship**
- **Kansas City Design Center (KCDC)**

Please refer to your curriculum guide and academic advisor as you consider your future off-campus academic plans and what is required by your particular discipline.

More information can be found on the APDesign website, under 'Student Success' > 'Applied Learning and Off-Campus Study Experiences'

<https://apdesign.k-state.edu/current-students/off-campus-study/index.html>

Advising Process

Industrial Design Required Off-Campus Options

2027 - 20287

Industrial Design Students						
Semester	APD Italian Studies Program	K-State in Italy Summer <small>*not studio based</small>	Education Abroad	KCDC	Internship	Important Notes for INDD Students
Summer (after 3 rd yr.)		X	X		X	After selecting your option for fall, you must select an option for one of the summer sessions. INDD students <u>may not enroll</u> in the same option for both fall and summer. <u>Education Abroad options during fall semester must include an approved studio experience.</u> <u>Summer education abroad is not required to include studio experience.</u> Options are subject to change based on program availability and enrollment capacity.
Fall	X		X	X	X	
Summer (after 4 th yr.)		X	X			

Our students’ design and planning studies are enriched by frequent interaction with the world outside Seaton/Regnier Hall. This curriculum affords our students to have both an education abroad experience and complete an internship. As an alternative, our students may study at the Kansas City Design Center, where students will be instructed in various independent design projects related to KC companies. All Industrial Design students after finishing their third-year, are required to choose two of the following (one must be semester-long experience in the fall of 4th year):

- APDesign Italian Studies Program or Education Abroad,
- Internship
- Kansas City Design Center (KCDC)

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Education Abroad

Why Education Abroad?

- **Academic challenge**—experience a range of topics, assignment types, and instruction styles as you engage in various coursework.
- **Professional growth**—visit notable locations, experience historic and modern design/planning precedents. An education abroad experience can be a desirable credential to future employers.
- **Personal enrichment**—develop independence, a greater sense of self, and increased awareness and appreciation for other cultures.
- **Global perspective**—broaden awareness and multicultural competency by living in another country. Have a once-in-a-lifetime experience as a University student.

Potential Challenges When Studying Abroad

- **The language of instruction may not be English**, but full proficiency of the local language is not necessary.
- **The academic calendar**, including exact semester start and end dates, may differ from K-State.
- **Minimal interaction with professors** outside of class. University culture may be hierarchical and more formal than at K-State.
- **Feelings of homesickness** and **culture shock are common**. The APDesign Student & Academic Services Office and Education Abroad Office have resources to help support you while abroad.

Note: K-State and APDesign have excellent relationships with our partner institutions, but we do not influence their policies or procedures. If you elect to study at a foreign university, you must be prepared to accept and manage potential challenges. K-State Education Abroad can help support you in your preparation and while you are abroad.

2027-2028 Education Abroad Options for APD Students

IARC Students

Program	City, Country	Program Type	Min. GPA	Enrollment Capacity	ARCH	IARC	INDD	LA	RCP	RECD
APD Italian Studies Program-Orvieto SPRING	Orvieto, Italy	K-State	2.5*	~45	x	x		x	x	x
APD Italian Studies Program-Orvieto FALL	Orvieto, Italy	K-State	2.5*	~30	x		x			
K-State in Italy-Orvieto SUMMER <small>(studio courses not offered in summer program)</small>	Orvieto, Italy	K-State	2.5	N/A	x	x	x	x	x	x
Other Education Abroad Programs										
API London College of Fashion	London, U.K.	Direct Enroll	3.0	16			Fall			
API University of the Arts London	London, U.K.	Direct Enroll	3.0	16			Fall			
BOKU Univ. of Natural Resources and Life Sciences	Vienna, Austria	Exchange	3.0	2				Spring		
Coburg University of Applied Sciences	Coburg, Germany	Exchange	3.0	3		Spring				
Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)	Copenhagen, Denmark	Direct Enroll	3.0	~5	Spring	Spring or Summer	Fall or Summer	Spring	Spring	
University of New South Wales	Sydney, Australia	Exchange	3.0	1					Spring	
SAI ELISAVA (Barcelona)	Barcelona, Spain	Direct Enroll	3.0	~5			Fall			
University of Sheffield	Sheffield, England	Direct Enroll	3.0	TBD					Spring	
Trier University of Applied Sciences	Trier, Germany	Exchange	3.0	TBD		Spring				
University of Western Australia	Perth, Australia	Exchange	3.0	TBD	Spring			Spring		
Alternative Education Abroad	Note: Alternative Education Abroad Programs are available by petition only. This option requires extensive advance preparation and submission of a petition for endorsement by your Department, the APD International Studies Committee (ISC), and K-State Office of International Programs (OIP). Endorsement does NOT guarantee admission by the partner institution.									

*If the program is at capacity, the minimum GPA may be raised.

Notes:

- Program availability and enrollment capacity are subject to change.
- ALL Education Abroad programs require an Off-Campus Study Application and students must receive endorsement from the APDesign International Studies Committee.
- Program Type and tuition: K-State = tuition paid to K-State, Exchange = tuition paid to K-State, Direct Enroll = tuition paid to that institution



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2027-2028 Education Abroad Options for APD Students

INDD Students

Program	City, Country	Program Type	Min. GPA	Enrollment Capacity	ARCH	IARC	INDD	LA	RCP	RECD
APD Italian Studies Program-Orvieto SPRING	Orvieto, Italy	K-State	2.5*	~45	x	x		x	x	x
APD Italian Studies Program-Orvieto FALL	Orvieto, Italy	K-State	2.5*	~30	x		x			
K-State in Italy-Orvieto SUMMER <small>(studio courses not offered in summer program)</small>	Orvieto, Italy	K-State	2.5	N/A	x	x	x	x	x	x
Other Education Abroad Programs										
API London College of Fashion	London, U.K.	Direct Enroll	3.0	16			Fall			
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APDesign Italian Studies Program

Orvieto, Italy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYmFC3WQndE>



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Off-Campus Study Options

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APDesign Italian Studies Program

Orvieto, Italy

[Link to Program Information from APDesign](#)

[Link to Program Information from K-State OIP](#)



**Spring program option for
ARCH, IARCH, LA, RCP, RECD
Students**

- Min. GPA 2.50*
- Enrollment Capacity:
 - Spring: Approx. 45 students across all eligible disciplines
 - Fall: Approx. 30 students across all eligible disciplines
- Language of instruction is English
- Studio and seminar classes taught by K-State and Italian professors
- Studio and seminar typically meet two days per week
- Projects focus on issues/concerns pertaining to the local community
- Program includes multiple field trips and cultural workshops
- Students live in furnished apartments shared with fellow KSU students
- Students need to be motivated and flexible

***If the program is at capacity, minimum GPA may be raised.**



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APDesign Italian Studies Program

Orvieto, Italy



- Orvieto is located about one hour north of Rome in the Umbria region of Italy.
- It has a rich history, from its Etruscan underground caves to its Romanesque cathedrals.
- It offers important archaeological, architectural, and urban sites to visit and appreciate.
- The city is considered a living classroom where students are immersed in a culturally stimulating environment surrounded by piazzas, palaces, churches, and cobble lanes.
- Orvieto has a friendly, calm, and welcoming atmosphere.

APDesign Italian Studies Program

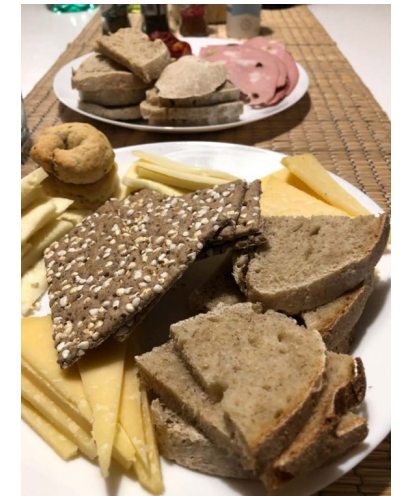
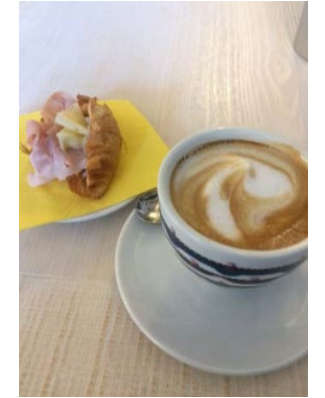
Orvieto, Italy



- Students live in fully furnished apartments located in the historic part of the city.
- Apartments are arranged by an Italian agency and accommodate two to five students.
- Students shop for their own groceries and cook their own meals. An introduction to the local market and a cooking class with a local chef are part of the first week's orientation.
- The program dates (including Fall & Spring Breaks) follow the KSU academic calendar. Exact departure and return dates will be coordinated at the beginning of the semester prior to the program.

APDesign Italian Studies Program

Orvieto, Italy



APDesign Italian Studies Program

Orvieto, Italy



- The program includes multiple one-day field trips (typically to Rome, Siena, Florence, Assisi, Villa Lante) and several extended, two to six-day field trips (typically to Venezia, Vicenza, and Verona in the north and to Pompeii, Sorrento, and the Amalfi Coast in the south).
- Field trips are led by K-State faculty, the Italian professors, and/or professional guides.
- The field trips provide students with opportunities to experience many aspects of Italian culture, art, urban planning, landscape architecture, architecture, interior architecture, and industrial design.



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Off-Campus Study Options

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APDesign Italian Studies Program

Orvieto, Italy



- The program includes multiple cultural workshops as part of the curriculum.
- Topics may include:
 - Leather
 - Svinnere
 - Honey
 - Cheese
 - Mosaic Olive Oil & Basketry
 - Craft Beer
 - Photography
 - Ceramic

K-State in Italy - Summer Program

Orvieto, Italy

[Link to Program Information](#)



<https://ksu.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=12957>

Summer program option for all K-State Students

Note: Program runs for 4-weeks between mid-May and mid-July; dates vary each year

- Min. GPA 2.5
- Open to **all** K-State Students
- Program is 4-weeks – dates vary each year
- Language of Instruction in English by K-State APDesign Professors
- Course offerings change each summer
 - Students take two 3-credit elective courses*
 - Studio courses are not offered in this program
- Includes organized travel experiences to Rome and Florence
- Students need to be motivated and flexible

*IAID students may have the option to take 7-credits to fulfill summer courseload requirement

K-State in Italy - Summer Program

Orvieto, Italy

[Link to Program Information](#)



Example of 2026 APD Summer Program

Summer program option for all K-State Students

Note: Program runs for 4-weeks between mid-May and mid-July; dates vary each year

- Program offerings vary each summer.
- Examples of previous summer programs:
 - [APDesign](#)
 - [Arts & Culture](#)
 - [Business, Leadership, and Fashion](#)
- ***Interested in program offerings for Summer 2027?***
 - Summer 2027 programs will be announced in August.
 - The application process is handled through Education Abroad and opens to all K-State students in August 2026.
 - To express interest and find out more about the application process, you are advised to contact Savannah Maynard <savannahrm@ksu.edu> before August 1, 2026.

Other Education Abroad Programs For IARC Students





Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts

Coburg, Germany

[Link to Program Information](#)



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Spring program option for IARC Students

Note: this program runs early March to mid-July

- Min. GPA 3.00
- Language of Instruction in **German**
- Students take an interior design studio
 - Studio meets one day per week
 - Includes a planned field trip to Milan
- There is an international student center and a helpful German class
- Student housing is not close to the school
- **Need to have confidence and some German language proficiency**



Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)

Copenhagen, Denmark

[Link to Program Information](#)



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**Spring or Summer program option
for IARC Students**

- Min. GPA 3.00
- Studio professors are distinguished practicing Danish designers
- Studio meets three days a week
- Field trips are related to studio and well planned
- Offers highly organized orientation
- Very good support for international students
- Good assistance with housing
- **Need to be inquisitive, motivated, and hard-working**

Trier University of Applied Sciences

Trier, Germany

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Spring program option for IARC Students

Note: this program runs mid-March to early July

- Min. GPA 3.00
- Language of Instruction is **German**
- Studio meets one day per week
 - Courses are more flexible and less organized than you might typically be used to
 - Professors are relaxed and helpful, but their ability to communicate in English varies
- Travel opportunities provided by the school
- International student housing is recommended, but students must be proactive in making arrangements
- **Need to be flexible and self-directed and have language proficiency**

Other Education Abroad Programs For INDD Students





Fashion Studies at London College of Fashion (LCF)

London, United Kingdom

[Link to Program Information](#)



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**Fall program option
for INDD Students**

- Min. GPA 3.00
- LCF is ranked among the top 10 institutions within the industry worldwide
- Collaborate with fellow students from around the globe in specialized, career-focused courses in fashion (business and design) and footwear design
- Offers cultural excursions of surrounding areas
- Includes dorm-style housing, with apartments at an additional cost
- **Need to be inquisitive, motivated, and hard-working**



Arts with British Students at the University of the Arts London (UAL) London, United Kingdom

[Link to Program Information](#)



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**Fall program option
for INDD Students**

- Min. GPA 3.00
- Ranked 2nd in the world for art and design
- UAL specializes in studies of art, design, communications, fashion, and performing arts
- Students choose one course of study, and the classes, projects, and tutorials for that course of study are assigned upon arrival
- Offers cultural excursions of surrounding areas
- Includes dorm-style housing, with upgrades at an additional cost
- **Need to be inquisitive, motivated, and hard-working**



Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)

Copenhagen, Denmark

[Link to Program Information](#)



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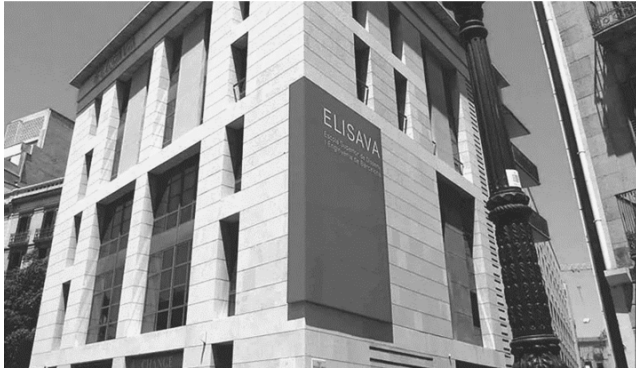
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ELISAVA

Barcelona School of
Design and Engineering

ELISAVA Barcelona School of Design and Engineering Barcelona, Spain

[Link to Program Information](#)



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**Fall program option
for INDD Students**

- Min. GPA 3.00
- Language of Instruction is **English**
 - Catalan is the local language
- Broad range of coursework available
- **Need to be inquisitive, motivated, and hard-working**



Alternative Education Abroad Programs

(Available by petition only)

- This option **requires extensive advance preparation** and submission of a petition (including short essay responses) for endorsement by your department, the APD International Studies Committee (ISC), and the K-State Education Abroad.
- APD endorsement does NOT guarantee admission by the partner institution – applying to the partner institution is a separate process. If you have questions, please discuss with Savannah Maynard.

PROCESS

- Research potential programs you are interested in.
- Discuss your alternative education abroad plan with APD International Programs Director, Jessica Canfield.
- **By July 1**, meet with APD K-State Education Abroad Advisor, Savannah Maynard, regarding program availability, curriculum questions, scholarships, etc. Email her to schedule an appointment
- **By August 1**, submit your full draft proposal, with curricular choices, to Jessica Canfield
- **By September 1**, submit your fully completed proposal to your department for their endorsement.
- Indicate your choice for an Alternative Program on your Off-Campus Study Application, **due Oct. 14**
- Full Details can be found on the APD website, see '**Petitioning for an Alternative Education Abroad Program**'
- Note that if you receive financial aid/scholarships, it is recommended that you make an appointment to talk with your Financial Aid Advisor to discuss whether your Financial Aid package can be applied to the specific program. To make an appointment, go to: <https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/about/advisor/>

Scholarships



Education Abroad Scholarships

K-State Education Abroad office scholarships are open to all students participating in Education Abroad programs in Spring, Summer, and Fall
<https://www.k-state.edu/abroad/current-students/funding/scholarships.html>

- Questions, contact **Savannah Maynard**, savannahrm@ksu.edu

Note that as long as you have applied for the [K-State Scholarship Network \(KSN\)](#) by **March 15, 2027**, you will be automatically considered for these.

➔ **Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship:**

Students who are U.S. citizens or nationals and who are Pell-eligible should look into applying for the [Gilman Scholarship](#).

➔ **Mike and Becky Goss International Program/Study Abroad Scholarship:**

For undergraduate or graduate students properly enrolled in any curriculum at Kansas State University applying to an education abroad experience for at least one semester. Preference will be given to students who have graduated from a Kansas High School.

Education Abroad Scholarships

K-State Education Abroad office scholarships

- To be considered for one of these scholarships, students need to have an active program application at the time of scholarship review for each term and have submitted the K-State Scholarship Network general application.
- Scholarships administered by Education Abroad will be reviewed on the basis of financial need, program length and type, as well as academic merit. In all other respects, these scholarships shall be awarded without restriction to race, gender, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, or ability.
- It is important to note that being considered for a scholarship does not guarantee the applicants will receive an award.
- If a scholarship is awarded, recipients will be notified by email of their award amount.

Italian Studies Program Scholarships

APD Education Abroad scholarships are open to all APD students participating in the Fall and Spring Italian Studies Program.

To apply, students must prepare a two-page (max) essay. More details will be provided during the Education Abroad Orientation meetings held the semester before you study in Italy.

If you apply, you will be considered for any APDesign Education Abroad scholarships whose criteria you match.

Note that the notification of these awards does not happen until after students must financially commit to the program.

To be considered for APD Education Abroad Scholarships in the '27-28 academic year, students must submit a K-State Scholarship Network (KSN) application **by the March 15, 2027 deadline.**

<https://www.k-state.edu/sfa/scholarships-aid/scholarships/ksn/>

Questions, contact Courtney Markle, markle@ksu.edu

Italian Studies Program Scholarships

Eligibility	Award name	# of awards to be offered in F26/S27	Total amount to be awarded in F26/S27	Based on Academic Merit?	Based on Financial Need?
All	HEINZ FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP	2 awards	\$3,000 (\$1,500 each)	No	Yes*
All	ITALIAN STUDIES PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP	Multiple awards	\$5,000	No	No
4th year ARCH	MAJORS EDUCATION ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP	1 award	\$7,500	No	No
4th year ARCH	SIEBENMORGEN STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP IN ARCHITECTURE	Multiple awards	\$9,500	No	No
4th year ARCH	COATES AND SIEPL-COATES SCHOLARSHIP	Multiple awards	\$9,750	No	Yes*
4th year ARCH & IAID	JACQUELINE AND CALE DOORNBOS STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP	1 award	\$1,425	No	No
4th year ARCH & IAID	CLEVE HUMBERT STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP	2 awards	\$3,250	Yes	No
4th year ARCH & IAID	EDWARD AND SUSAN THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP	1 award	\$3,300	No	Yes*
4th year ARCH & IAID	FRANK FAMILY STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP	2 awards: (1) ARCH (1) IARC	\$10,000 (\$5,000 each)	No	Yes*
4th year ARCH & IAID	GREENBERG FAMILY STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP	1 award	\$9,500	Yes	Yes*
LAR & RCP	ROLLEY HARMS LARCP STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP	1 award	\$2,000	No	Yes*

*Financial need as determined by the information provided in the K-State Scholarship Network (KSN) application and/or FASFA data.



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Italian Studies Program Scholarships

APD 'Early Scholarship' Awards for the Italian Studies Program

APDesign will offer 'Early Scholarship' awards for the Fall '27 and Spring '28 Italian Studies Programs. The 'Early Scholarship' awards are intended to encourage students with high financial need to apply for the Italian Studies Program.

- To apply for these scholarships, you must submit your Off-Campus Study application by October 14, 2026. This application will serve both to preference your Off-Campus Study selections and as your 'Early Scholarship' application. More info about how to apply will be available in September when we meet to review the application process.
- Scholarship notification for these early offer scholarships will come in your endorsement letter in early December '26.
- Please note that not all Italian Studies Program scholarships will be available as early offers. Whether or not you receive an 'Early Scholarship', you will be able to apply for another set of Education Abroad scholarships that are awarded the semester before studying in Italy.

Education Abroad Questions

- For Curriculum and/or academic planning questions, contact your APD Academic Advisor
- For Italian Studies Program questions, contact a member of the APD International Studies Committee:
 - Jessica Canfield, Director & LARCP Representative
 - Otto Chanyakorn, ARCH Representative
 - Lauren Fitzpatrick, IAID Representative
 - Courtney Markle, Project Coordinator, SAS Office
- For Other or Alternative Education Abroad Program questions, contact K-State APD Education Abroad Advisor, Savannah Maynard <savannahrm@ksu.edu>

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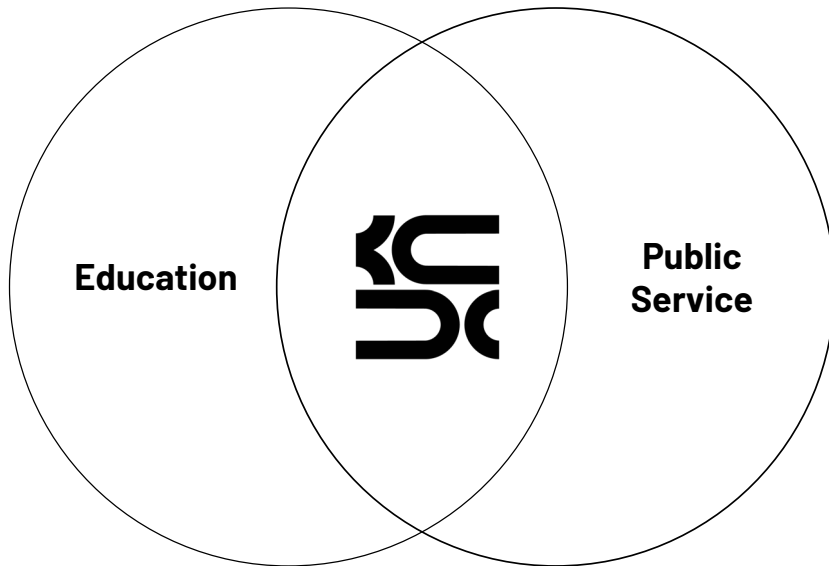
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Mission

Our mission is to utilize the power of design across all scales to shape a more equitable, resilient, and economically vibrant Kansas City. Through collaboration between students, design professionals, community members, and civic institutions, we envision a future where design drives meaningful change in our community.

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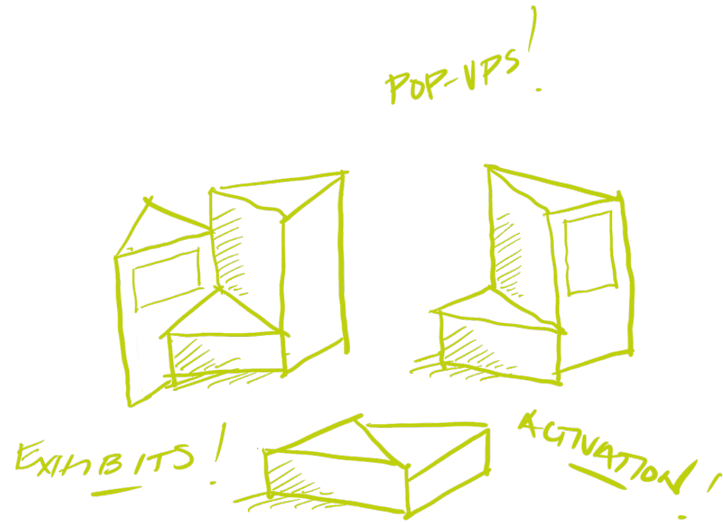
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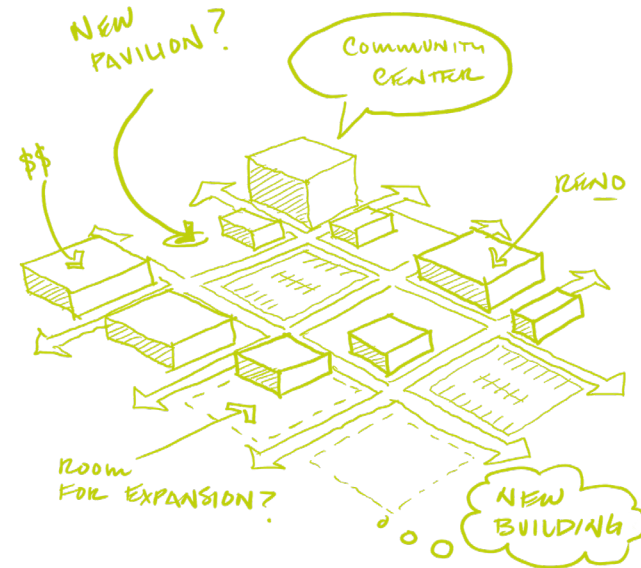
Courses

Fall Semester 2026
INDD 606



Community Based
IARC 605

Spring Semester 2027
ARCH 606, IARC 606, LAR 703, PLAN 703



Community Based Seminar
ARCH 715, IARC 605, PLAN 741, LAR 742

Will KCDC be helpful for my career?

Portfolio building and Kansas City connections



'People are often most interested in my KCDC project during job interviews'

Halima Shehu, RA
KCDC Class of 2017

Is KCDC a good fit if I don't have a background in Urban Design?

KCDC is an interdisciplinary study that pushes students to expand their thinking



'KCDC opened up design thinking beyond interiors. I appreciated being able to work in collaboration with so many new voices'

Aaron Bisch, AIA
KCDC Class of 2015

Studio Projects

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Kansas Riverfront District Rendering by Aiden Maxwell

The Future Central Ave Bridge

The studio explored how infrastructure can reconnect communities positioning the bridge as a catalyst for broader civic impact and helped lead the project toward state funding.

Resilient_KC

Students designed neighborhood hubs that serve as both community spaces and shelters during climate-related emergencies, as well as infrastructure and products that support neighborhood self-sufficiency and stronger community connections.



Dunbar Resilience Hub Rendering by Joshua Gaddy



Mid-Reviews for Spring 2026 Greenline Studio

KC_Greenline

This studio is developing the 10-mile urban loop aimed to connect a network of public spaces. Students will develop design guidelines, gateways & destinations, and infill strategies, the work will strengthen neighborhood connections, activate underused areas, and reflect Kansas City's character.

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Where should I live?

'An ideal place to live is downtown, river market, or crossroads - walking distance to the studio'

Kylie Schwaller
Class of 2017

Kansas City Design Center

2 BED
\$800/MO PP



3 BED
\$700/MO PP



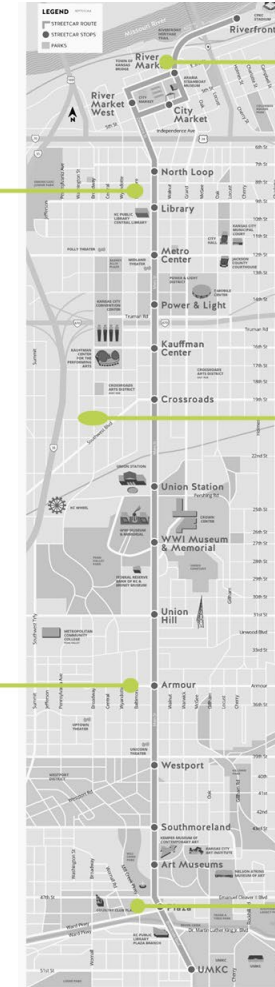
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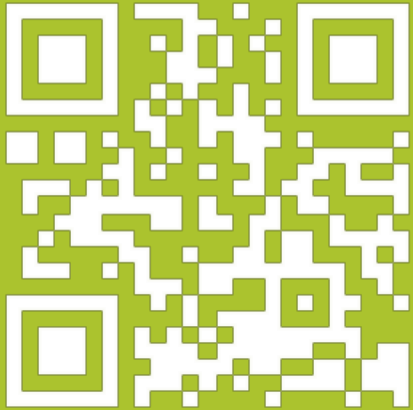


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Questions?



<https://www.kcdesigncenter.org/>



Internship

IARC

Scott Barton, Assistant Professor scottbarton@ksu.edu

internships

requirements:

1. Must work under a licensed (architect/ ARE) or certified (interiors/ NCIDQ) professional
2. MUST be paid
3. Duration:
 1. Spring: 15 weeks – full time (IARC) *Dec 01
 2. Summer: 10 weeks** - full time *May 01
 3. Fall: 15 weeks – full time (INDD) *Aug 01

****some overseas schedules may impact your ability to complete 10 full weeks.**

Interior Architecture Students

Semester	APD Italian Studies Program	K-State in Italy Summer <small>*not studio based</small>	Education Abroad	KCDC	Internship	Important Notes for IARC Students
Summer (after 3 rd yr.)		X	X		X	After selecting your option for spring, you must select an option for one of the summer sessions. IARC students <u>may not</u> enroll in the same option for both spring and summer. Education Abroad options during spring semester <u>must</u> include an approved studio experience. Summer education abroad is <u>not required to include a studio experience</u> . Options are subject to change based on enrollment and availability.
Spring	X		X	X	X	
Summer (after 4 th yr.)		X	X		X	

survey results

selected questions

What did you learn from the tasks/projects?

The question was asked to identify where students felt their largest area of growth was. This could be compared to their thoughts on how their academic program prepared them.

technical skills

- Topics included improved **CAD** skills and learning **new software**.
- *To be expected when adhering to professional standards and application.*

professional skills

- Topics included **Communication** and **Collaboration**.
- *Two of top three topics*
 - *Poses the question, "Where do we learn to collaborate and communicate professionally?"*

productivity

Topics include **time management** and **efficiency**.

Students seemed to learn to value their time, the time allotted for tasks, and the pace of the industry.

project delivery

Topic included **project documentation, specifications, construction administration,** and **client management**.

To be expected as many of these topics are still conceptual for students at this point in their journey.

design

Topics included **process, finish selection, prototyping,** and **fabrication**.

To be expected as students are exposed to more realistic constraints of design.

survey results

selected questions

What were the main difficulties that you have encountered during the internship and how you overcome?

The question was asked to identify where students experienced challenges and what strategies they employed to overcome them.

challenges

- **skill development** (software + professional literacy)
- **career readiness** (job acquisition + self-advocacy)
- **workplace dynamics** (communication, collaboration, lifestyle)
- **confidence** (self-efficacy + self-worth)
- **productivity** (time-management + efficiency)
- **social barriers** (socializing + bias/insensitivity)

resilience strategies

- **ownership of development** (personal + professional)
- **iterative process of learning** (practice + active learning)
- **adaptability** (acclimation + perspective shift)
- **use of support systems** (mentors + networking)
- **emotional + cognitive regulation** (self-care, acceptance, vulnerability)
- **no strategy identified**

survey results

selected questions

What could your program have done better to assist you prior to your internship to help you overcome the challenges?

The question was asked to identify where students felt improvement could be made.

preparedness + confidence

- Students **felt prepared** and **confident** in their ability to be successful in the industry.

technical knowledge + skills

Topics included **software, materials, building science,** and **project delivery.**

career development

Topics include **job acquisition** and **networking**

professional communication

Topics included **communication** and **collaboration.**

personal agency

Topics included **self advocacy, lifestyle adjustments,** and **academic choice.**

• d i s c u s s i o n

• **knowledge acquisition**

When doing a scaled comparison of what students identified as their learning on internship to what adjustments their programs should make, a gap in the perception of the internship appears. The areas of learning versus areas desired to learn raise the question:

What is the student perception of the intent of an internship?

• **l e a r n e d**

- technical skills
- professional skills
- personal agency
- design

• **p r o g r a m i m p r o v e m e n t s**

- technical skills
- professional skills
- career development
- personal agency



Internship INDD

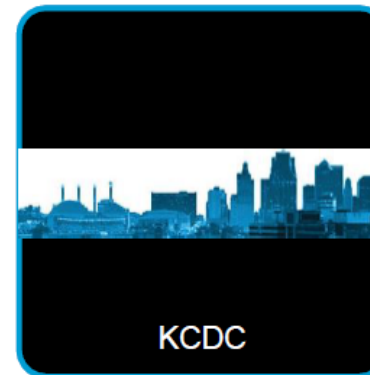
Timothy McKeown, Professor of Practice mckeown@ksu.edu



Internship provides an opportunity for students to **obtain knowledge and skills in Industrial Design (ID) field**. The learning experiences that are not available in the classroom setting helps ID students to prepare professional Industrial Designers.

When Can I Take Internship Courses?

The INDD program gives you the flexibility in your **fourth year Fall and Summer semesters** to engage the following options:



Information from INDD Off Campus Options

What Do I Need to Take?

Students need to actively find internship opportunities.

During your internship, you must maintain full-time academic standing by being **enrolled in 14 credit hour two online courses** (7 credits in Summer). You will participate online with **periodic postings** and **monthly reports**.

Upon returning to campus, you will participate in a college-wide internship exhibit and will speak to other INDD students regarding your experience.

How to find an Internship?

Start with a PLAN – Role, Industry, Location, Duration, Timing

- IDSA/Coroflot and Behance
- Traditional web searching: LinkedIn, Glassdoor, Zip Recruiter, Robert Half, Indeed, Google, (keyword: industrial design intern, furniture design intern...)
- LinkedIn backdoor research – search for Design employees of target companies/firms to locate any postings or hiring managers
- Your personal LinkedIn profile postings, networking, inquiry
- Seek out company websites for postings (corporate, firms/agencies)
- Design Expo
- Recommendations from Professors and their contacts (connect with your professors!)

INDD Internship Requirement & Criteria

Internships must be compensated experiences, and this can include various models such as hourly pay, tuition reimbursement, and/or paid room and board

Please see the standard requirements below

- Minimum pay -in the range of \$15-18 an hour (If the internship is a work from home this could be reduced)
- Size of firm –no stipulation.
- Professional Supervisor –there must be someone at the firm that is a professional in your educational field that can mentor you.
- Internship length –15 weeks at 40 hours a week for semester experience or 10 weeks at 40 hours a week for summer experience.

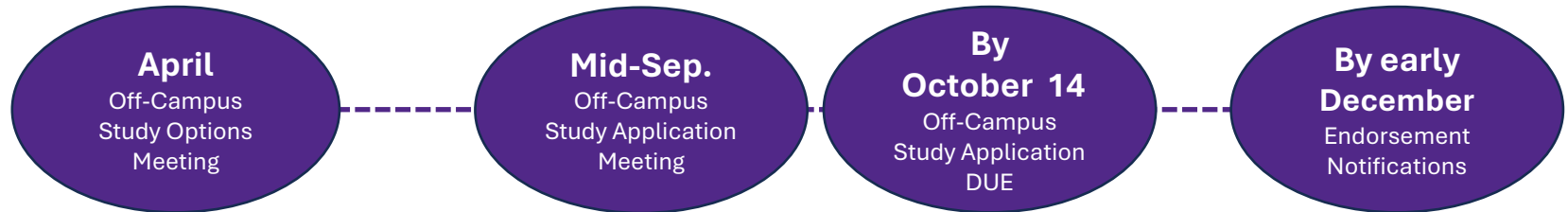
Next Steps



Preferencing & Endorsement Timeline

- Review and consider the options presented today
- Discuss the options and your preferences with your parents/family/friends
- Consult with your academic advisor if you have questions about your plans
- Attend the Mid-September meeting “How to Apply for Off-Campus Study”
 - You will receive an email with more information in late August/early September
- **Submit your Off-Campus Study Application online**

Due Wednesday, October 14



Preferencing & Endorsement Process

- **For the Italian Studies Program and Other Education Abroad Programs**
 - Programs have limited capacities. You will be required to select a viable second choice on your Off-Campus Study Application.
 - The International Studies Committee (ISC) reviews applications and makes endorsements following the **Oct. 14** application deadline.
- **For KCDC**
 - The program has a limited capacity. You will be required to select a viable second choice on your Off-Campus Study Application.
 - The Interdisciplinary Studies & Service Learning (ISSL) Committee reviews applications and makes endorsements following the **Oct. 14** application deadline.

Students will be notified of endorsement by **early December**.
Endorsement letters will be sent via email.

We strongly suggest that you wait to make housing/personal arrangements for the 2027-28 academic year until you are officially endorsed for a program.

Questions

- For Curriculum and/or Academic Planning
Contact your Academic Advisor
- For the APD Italian Studies Program
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