

Collectively envisioning the future of Kansas City

Spring 2026 at KCDC

We are pleased to welcome you to KCDC next spring! The Kansas City Design Center is a service-learning program located in the heart of Downtown Kansas City. We provide students with opportunities to engage with communities and work on on-site projects in partnership with local civic leaders and design professionals.

Projects at KCDC address a wide range of issues facing the Kansas City metro area, spanning over 23 neighborhoods to explore, envision, and advocate for positive change. Studio projects aim to promote civic design visions that enhance the quality of life for all. Student work is showcased in public exhibitions and summarized in an annual studio booklet.

The spring studio will be interdisciplinary, welcoming students from all departments. The studio will focus on a range of scales, emphasizing fabrication and 'making' (ARCH 606, IARC 606, LAR 703, PLAN 703). A seminar will also be offered in our space (ARCH 715, IARC 605, PLAN 741, LAR 742). The studio is a five-credit-hour course with twelve hours of class per week, meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Specific project details will be announced shortly before the spring semester begins.



We invite you to follow our current studio through our blog and Instagram. Additionally, our space on Main Street is open weekly from 9 AM to 5 PM, and we welcome visitors if you'd like to stop by. We're also happy to assist you as you plan your move to Kansas City. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions about housing or logistics. It's an exciting time to be in Kansas City, and we look forward to connecting you with everything the city has to offer.

Welcome to KCDC!



Collaborative Learning Experience:

Design students relocate to Kansas City to collaborate with professional and civic institutions, gaining hands-on experience.



Immersive Studio Environment:

The Kansas City Design Center (KCDC) offers an immersive design studio where students work on impactful, real-world projects.



Focus on Public Improvement:

Students contribute to projects aimed at enhancing the public realm, directly impacting the community's development and infrastructure.

