

School of Design and Construction

Architecture + Interior Design + Landscape Architecture + Construction Management
Washington State University

Study Tour Requirements

A study tour is defined as a travel experience with specific learning goals. The learning goals of each study tour vary, but are always spelled out in the course syllabus that is distributed to each student. Study tours emphasize experiential learning and offer both group and self-directed activities that enable students to explore new built environments, landscapes, territories, and cultures.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Architecture (2 required)

- **(1) Arch 309:** required with enrollment in Arch 309 (Modern Architecture and Theory).
- **(2) Students must choose a second experience as follows:**
 - ARCH 301 (summer studio): experience in a Seattle or Tacoma-based Architecture firm that involves course-related urban exploration.
 - SDC 444: collaborative among all four disciplines at the SDC. Location varies.
 - Study abroad (fall semester of fourth year): e.g. Cork exchange; CIEE.
 - Faculty-led study tour/study abroad: program lengths range from a few weeks in the summer to an entire semester. Locations will vary, TBD.
 - Participation in student conferences involving urban exploration (e.g. AIAS; DBIA).
 - Independent travel study (as approved by Architecture Program Head).

Interior Design (2 required)

- **(1) I_D 277:** required in the fall semester of the second year for interior design majors. Students typically visit firms and cities of the Pacific Northwest (e.g. Seattle, Portland).
- **(2) Students must choose a second experience as follows:**
 - SDC 444: collaborative among all four disciplines at the SDC. Location varies.
 - I_D 477: selected issues in the field of interior design in connection with an organized field trip. Locations vary.
 - Paris: A Designer's View (summer): 10-day Parisian experience provides an ability to consider multiple viewpoints from which to analyze issues and trends.
 - Florence study abroad (fall semester of fourth year): semester-long program based at the VCEA Global Campus in Florence.
 - Faculty-led study tour/study abroad: program lengths range from a few weeks in the summer to an entire semester. Locations will vary, TBD.

Landscape Architecture (2 required)

- **(1) LND_ARCH 222:** required in the fall semester of the second year, for landscape architecture majors. Students typically visit firms and cities of the Pacific Northwest (e.g. Seattle, Portland).
- **(2) LND_ARCH 485:** individually developed studio project that integrates and extends landscape architectural skills; entails research, interpretation, writing, graphic communication, design, oral presentations. Includes study tour component as part of course requirement.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS (1 required)

Graduate students in the architecture and interior design programs choose one experience as follows:

- **SDC 555:** a three-credit supportive elective course where students delve, in depth, into a particular issue (or issues) unique to a particular area or city, and visit that area or city as part of the course. Destinations differ from year to year. Previous tours have visited Amsterdam, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Paris, Lisbon and Porto, Berlin, Kyoto and Tokyo. (Spring semester).
- **ARCH 510 (summer):** this studio *may* meet the travel requirement if it involves course-related urban exploration of the locale (as approved by the Graduate Program Head).
- **ARCH 580:** independent travel study option (as approved by Graduate Program Head).
- **Paris: A Designer's View (summer):** this 10-day Parisian experience provides an ability to consider multiple viewpoints from which to analyze issues and trends.
- **Faculty-led study tour/study abroad:** program lengths range from a few weeks in the summer to an entire semester. Locations will vary, TBD.
- **Participation in professional student conference(s)** (as approved by Graduate Program Head).

Fees

Students participating in study tours are charged course fees commensurate with the cost of airfare, lodging, transportation, and site admission fees. Meals and personal incidentals are the responsibility of each student. International experiences may require global travel insurance and an application fee.

Enrollment Management

Each of the above courses will be set with a minimum/maximum number of students; enrollment deadlines and commitment dates will apply.

Miscellaneous

Other experiences may be determined on an individual basis. Some courses may be taken for repeat credit as long as the location and/or exercises are different from previous travel experience.