

APPROVED INTEGRATIVE COURSES

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Students must select one of the following options to fulfill the approved integrative course requirements of the B.ARCH and/or B.S. Environmental Design degree(s):

COURSE INTEGRATION.

The objective of Integrative Courses is to provide students with experience in analyzing, critiquing, and relating ideas at an advanced level from multiple disciplines. Courses integrated must be at the 3000 level or above, from different disciplines (different Departments or Colleges), taken in the same semester and must be initiated by the students. We do not provide students with a list of courses to integrate.

The following steps must be completed in the following sequence for this option:

- Students write a **proposal** to be submitted to the Assistant or Associate Deans for preliminary approval. This proposal must outline how the courses will be integrated and what the specific result of the integration will be (usually a paper or project).
Students must follow the proposal template included on the back of this sheet. *Proposals must be submitted ON OR BEFORE the first day of school of the semester during which the courses will be integrated.*
- Once approval is secured from the Assistant or Associate Deans, students will be given an **integration approval form** to be signed and approved by the instructors in the courses. The instructors must agree to monitor the progress during the semester and work with the student to integrate the courses.
- At the end of the semester, the instructors must **sign a form** stating that the integration was either successful or unsuccessful. An unsuccessful integration means that the pair may not be used to satisfy the requirement.
- **All signatures and approvals must be secured** before the official 12th Class Day in Fall or Spring, or the 4th Class Day in Summer (see Class Schedule, Academic Calendar). The 12th class day *is not* to be confused with the 12th time the class meets. *Consult the class schedules for specific and official dates.*

PARTICIPATION IN COA FOREIGN STUDIES PROGRAM.

Participation in an approved study abroad program sponsored by the College of Architecture. Students should consult with an academic advisor prior to participating in a foreign study program to confirm program eligibility for fulfillment of Approved Integration Requirement.

COMPLETION OF A MINOR.

Approved list of university approved minors can be found online at the following link: <http://www.uh.edu/academics/majors-minors/minors.php>. The minor must not be from the College of Architecture.

COMPLETION OF A SECOND MAJOR.

The second major must be taken simultaneously with the first major. The Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design may not be used as a Second Major for the purposes of Integrative Course requirement fulfillment.

COMPLETION OF A THESIS

Students may use the Senior Honors Thesis or an architecture thesis to fulfill the requirement of integration. This may only be completed by fifth year students within the ARCH 5500 or 5501.

INTEGRATION PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

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COURSE INTEGRATION PROPOSAL

In order to fulfill the approved integration requirement of my degree plan, I propose to integrate:

(You must list the two courses you wish to integrate with the correct COURSE ID numbers and FULL TITLES, e.g. ARCH 5500: DESIGN STUDIO IX and HRMA 3327: RESTAURANT DESIGN & LAYOUT)

After listing your courses, make sure you include the following information in your proposal text:

- Why have you chosen to integrate these courses?
- What will you do to integrate the courses?
- How will you show that you have successfully completed the integration (i.e., presentation, research paper, other forms of documentation)? You should consult with your faculty on effective and appropriate options for this.

Proposals that do not include the information above will not be accepted and are considered disapproved until the information is submitted.

**APPROVAL FORMS FOR INTEGRATION WILL BE RELEASED
AFTER A COMPLETED PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED.**

INTEGRATIVE COURSES CHECKLIST

- Identify two courses from two different disciplines to integrate. Courses must be at the 3000 level or above and taken in the same semester.
- Write a proposal to be submitted to the Dean's Office for preliminary approval. The proposal must outline how the courses will be integrated and what the specific result of the integration will be (usually a paper or project). Follow the INSTRUCTIONS SHEET and TEMPLATE.
- Once approval is secured, students will be given an INTEGRATION APPROVAL FORM to be signed and approved by the instructors in the courses. The instructors must agree to monitor the progress during the semester and work with the student to integrate the courses IN ORDER for student to receive credit for the integration.
- ALL SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS MUST BE SECURED before the official 12th Class Day in Fall or Spring, or the 4th Class Day in Summer (see Class Schedule, Academic Calendar). The 12th class day IS NOT to be confused with the 12th time the class meets.
- At the end of the semester, the instructors must confirm that the integration was either successful or unsuccessful. BOTH instructors must confirm successful completion of the integration before student may receive credit for integration. Obtain INTEGRATION COMPLETION FORM from Dean's Office, get signed and returned to the Dean's Office.