

## 2026-27 Combined Pathways Graduate Application Form

The Combined Pathways program allows qualified and accepted students to enroll in up to two courses for graduate credit during the Fall and Spring semesters of their senior year (four courses total).

The final deadline for applying is **June 1**.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the application before **May 1**.

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**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Requirements

Please complete this application and submit the following items before June 1 to be considered for the Combined Pathways program in the Department of Interior Architecture & Design:

1. Completed **Statement of Interest form** (see page 3 of this document)
2. **GPA summary** (see page 4) showing:
  - a. Overall undergraduate GPA through the most recent completed semester
  - b. GPA within the Department of IA&D through the most recent completed semester
3. **Statement of Support** provided by two faculty members (see page 5)
  - a. At least one Statement of Support must come from an IA&D faculty member who taught a junior-level course to the applicant.
  - b. At least one Statement of Support form must be provided by an IA&D faculty member who is not on the Graduate Policy Committee. The current Graduate Policy Committee members are:
    - Yelena McLane, Director of Graduate Studies
    - Amy Huber, Graduate Policy Committee Member
    - Jae-Hwa Lee, Graduate Policy Committee Member

**NOTE:** When submitting this application to the Director of Graduate Studies, please combine all documents into a single **PDF** file and name the file using the following format:  
IADCombinedPathwaysApp\_yourlastname.pdf.

Use this page as the cover page and put your name in the blank “Applicant Name” in the header of the document.

Please email your completed application to Yelena McLane at [ymclane@fsu.edu](mailto:ymclane@fsu.edu) and Rebecca Cowart at [rebecca.cowart@fsu.edu](mailto:rebecca.cowart@fsu.edu).

## **Combined Pathways Graduate Course Options**

### **Fall Semester Courses**

#### **IND 5638 Graduate Seminar: Design Issues**

3 credit hours

This course provides a critical appraisal of the historical, philosophical, and contemporary trends and issues in the design field.

#### **IND 5324 Graphic Design Foundations I\***

3 credit hours

This course is your gateway to uncovering the fundamental principles that make graphic design a powerful communication tool. Through hands-on exercises culminating in a final project, you will learn graphic design terminology, be introduced to visual communication theory and related strategies, and apply your knowledge and skills to be able to create effective visual messages to engage diverse audiences.

### **Spring Semester Courses**

#### **IND 5636 Graduate Seminar: Design Theory and Criticism**

3 credit hours

This course is a survey of the aesthetic, political, economic and social theories that have shaped modern design, including critical methods applied to design integral to culture and human expression.

#### **IND 5XXX Graphic Design Foundations II\***

3 credit hours

This course provides graduate students with a hands-on intermediate introduction to graphic design useful for the creation of publications, the development of brand elements for coherent and consistent communication, and data visualization. Explorations include event promotion materials, animations, introductory video editing techniques, and basic website creation.

\*Courses part of the Graphic Design Certificate. Please note that if you wish to complete the certificate, you may take only ONE of these courses and you must be enrolled in the IA&D Graduate Program.

## Statement of Interest Form

Please answer the questions below accurately and succinctly. Limit each answer to 100 words or fewer.

1. Why do you want to take graduate classes in the Interior Architecture & Design Department?
2. Is there anything about the content of these courses that appeals to you? Please describe the benefits of taking these classes to you personally or for your career.
3. As you know, you are not required to commit to Graduate School if you wish to enroll in the Combined Pathways program. Nonetheless, have you considered applying to Graduate School in the Interior Architecture & Design Department here at FSU? Please share your thoughts on what could be on the horizon for you after you graduate next year.
4. (Optional) If you are considering graduate school, what would you like to focus on for your graduate design project or a research thesis?
5. Please check which of the four courses you are interested in.

Fall Semester:

- ☐ IND 5638 Graduate Seminar: Design Issues
- ☐ IND 5324 Graphic Design Foundations I

Spring Semester:

- ☐ IND 5636 Graduate Seminar: Design Theory and Criticism
- ☐ IND 5XXX Graphic Design Foundations II

## **GPA Summary Form**

This portion needs to be completed by the student applicant with help from the department administrator.

1. Current overall GPA:
  
2. GPA of IA&D Courses:

## Faculty Statement of Support Form

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Faculty Members,

The applicant above is applying for the Combined Pathways program in the Department of Interior Architecture & Design. If accepted to this program, the students will have an option of taking up to two graduate-level courses (IND 5638 Graduate Seminar: Design Issues and/or IND 5324 Graphic Design Foundations I in the Fall semester and IND 5636 Graduate Seminar: Design Theory and Criticism and/or IND 5XXX Graphic Design Foundations II in the Spring semester). This letter of support is for the Combined Pathways application only. A separate application to the graduate program will be required by the Graduate School and the Department.

After you complete this form, please send it directly to Yelena Mclane at [ymclane@fsu.edu](mailto:ymclane@fsu.edu) and Rebecca Cowart at [rebecca.cowart@fsu.edu](mailto:rebecca.cowart@fsu.edu).

Thank you for supporting our students!

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1. Faculty Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Based upon your interaction with this student in the classes you teach/have taught, does this student demonstrate excellence in their work?  
☐ YES                      ☐ NO
3. Based on your interaction with this student in the classes you teach/have taught, do you think this student will excel in the graduate courses mentioned above during their senior year?  
☐ YES                      ☐ NO
4. Do you support this applicant's application to the Combined Pathways program?  
☐ YES                      ☐ NO
5. Please provide any written comments below that you think would be helpful to the Graduate Policy Committee in evaluating this student's application for the Combined Pathways program.