

Idaho — on the cutting edge

Graduate programs in the Treasure Valley serve southwest Idaho communities



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The University of Idaho Architecture Department has two unique programs in Idaho's capital city that offer great experiences for architecture graduate students and great benefits to Idaho's communities.

The Idaho Urban Research and Design Center (IURDC) is the hub for design instruction and outreach activities that connect students with design professionals and the community. The IURDC takes on urban design projects from SW Idaho cities and neighborhoods working with citizen committees and volunteer design professionals to solve real problems. The IURDC recently completed a project for an area south of Caldwell to create heritage neighborhoods with shopping, schools, parks, and pathways. The 60-member design team included Mayor Nancolas, school district officials, Chamber of Commerce members, arts organizations, architects, planners, and ecologists.



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Wymelenberg**

The Integrated Design Lab (IDL), located in downtown Boise, provides project-based education services to Idaho designers in daylighting, electric lighting, HVAC, and other sustainable practices.

Several University of Idaho students work as paid interns in the IDL, all IURDC students use the equipment in their

student work with most working with their internship providers on real projects they bring to the lab.

Currently the IDL is working on over 1,000,000 SF of new construction and renovation projects at St. Luke's and St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Centers. The IDL is working with the hospitals to build and analyze energy models simulating the performance of the building design and its heating, cooling, ventilating and lighting systems. The goal is to create state-of-the-art healing environments that are comfortable for patients and staff and save energy.

"Daylight is very important to the healing environment" says Kevin Van Den Wymelenberg, Architecture faculty and director of the IDL. "Introducing daylight to patients and staff is the most tangible component of the work we are involved with at each hospital. There is a great deal of 'free' energy available if owners are willing to consider nontraditional methods for lighting, heating, cooling and ventilating."

Through the work of the IURDC and the IDL, this next generation of professionals will help make Idaho great with beautiful, thoughtfully-designed communities and architecture.

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