

Idaho Design Build is a critical exploration of architectural design through the lens of design-build methodologies. The primary exercise is a real-time project from inception to construction, complete with budget development and management, specifications, permitting, scheduling, coordination, multiple client presentations, design documentation, and construction.

Involvement in the Idaho Design Build Studio requires in-person attendance on the Moscow Campus, regular travel to the project site during the semester, including an extended build period, with all students potentially living and working on-site for the duration of construction. All work in the course will be completed collaboratively, under tight schedule constraints, with design progressing via critical input and consensus of the full group, and approval of project stakeholders. Prospective students should be aware of the fast-paced, physically demanding and time-consuming nature of this course, but also the benefits of working directly with clients, vendors, and consultants, expanding on skills developed in traditional studios, and seeing a project through from inception to its reality as a benefit to the community.

In preferencing for Idaho Design Build, students acknowledge they will be required to enroll in a 3 credit Summer 2023 404/504 seminar.