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, internal and external coordination, multiple client/community presentations, and listening sessions, 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 working on-site for the duration of construction. All work in the course will be completed collaboratively and in-studio, 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 the 6-credit Fall 2023 Studio, Idaho Design Build, students acknowledge they will be required to enroll in both a 6-credit Spring 2024 IDB studio, and a Summer 2024 404/504 build seminar (3 credits). This is commitment is binding and should not be taken lightly.