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 through construction, complete with budget development and management, specifications, permitting, scheduling, internal and external coordination, multiple client/community presentations and collaboration sessions, design documentation, fabrication and construction. Students will join a team working on the Vandal Healing Garden and Memorial project, as well as working on the development of other projects to be announced.

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 open critical input, consensus of the full group, and feedback from 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 Spring 2024 Idaho Design Build Studio, students acknowledge they will be required to enroll in a Summer 2024 ARCH 504 build seminar (3 credits).