

# HUMAN ECOLOGY: DESIGN STUDIES, MFA

This is the only named option within the Human Ecology, MFA (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/human-ecology-school-wide/human-ecology-mfa/>). Students interested in the Human Ecology, MFA should apply directly to this Human Ecology: Design Studies, MFA named option.

The focus of the MFA degree is on creative performance in design. Its goals are to promote strong and creative conceptual thinking, exploration, interpretation, innovation, and overall excellence in design execution.

## SPECIALIZATIONS

Students typically focus their work in one of two general areas:

- *Textile and Fashion Design (TFD)*: TFD students focus on the conceptual, technical, and aesthetic possibilities of textiles and clothing.
- *Interior Architecture (IA)*: IA students typically concentrate on the innovative application of aesthetic, conceptual, and expressive design strategies in interior environments.

There are many students who may work across these areas or have an even more idiosyncratic integrative focus. In every case, students formulate a plan of study to suit their individual needs.

The course of study requires the completion of a minimum of 60 credits and includes a substantial studio work component. The curriculum seeks to create a foundation with flexibility to fit student needs. Interested students can view course requirements on this page. (p. )