A one-year program of 32 credits over 3 semesters (fall, spring, summer) embedded in Indianapolis, IN at the CAP: INDY Connector in the Platform located at 202 E. Market St.

The MUD Program is a hands-on program in the theory and practice of engaging people and designing places within, and across, urban environments. This program is centered on design for, and of, the public, striving for positive connections, experiences, and identity through public places. Our work integrates the various interconnected yet disparate elements of plans, policies, buildings, landscapes, streets, and in-between spaces. This happens across a spectrum of scales from human interaction up to the block, neighborhood, overall city, and out to the region as we facilitate connections between people and spaces in developing place-based outcomes.

A little, BIG city
Indianapolis, as the 15th largest city in the nation, is a very accessible city. Due to the relationships we have developed throughout Indianapolis, you will have unprecedented ACCESS to prospective employers, national figures in design, planning, and development, and leaders from across the city and state. In addition to faculty from the College, we are able to tap into the many professionals from local firms. Those same relationships present great OPPORTUNITY through working on real-world projects, having the ability to lead on existing or self-initiated projects, and being able to make an IMPACT on a major city before you even graduate.

Near the heart of the City, we are housed in the Platform, connected to the City Market across the street from the Mayor’s Office and Department of Metropolitan Development. Such a LOCATION provides access and opportunity for networking, decision making, and getting things done.

A Resource for the City, State, Region, and Beyond
In our program, you don’t just learn about urban design, you do urban design! MUD students are actively engaged in the City of Indianapolis from the moment they begin the program; admitted students will be eligible for paid internships through our new civic design center providing planning, design, and development assistance to the neighborhoods and the City of Indianapolis. In addition, other project and charrette opportunities regularly take us beyond Indianapolis.

Transdisciplinary
The majority of our students come from design-based backgrounds such as architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, historic preservation, and civil engineering. Due to the complex issues and WICKED PROBLEMS facing our cities, we will accept a limited number of students with other educational and professional experience such as real estate development, urban sociology, economics, and politics with such decisions being made on a case by case basis.

Contact
This one-year, post-professional program is practice-based at an affordable price, creating a value unmatched by other institutions. For more details about the program, please visit BSU.EDU/URBANDESIGN or contact the Master of Urban Design (MUD) Program Director, Justin Ferguson, at jferguson@bsu.edu | 317.829.1025 | and find us on Facebook @BallStateCAPIC.