



### **Time commitment**

During the spring semester, Studio 804 is extremely demanding. Outside employment is not allowed during the project, no holidays are given during the spring semester, but more importantly, students may not take classes other than the credits available with Studio 804 during the spring semester (up to 12 credit hours). 100% dedication to the project is required by all participants.

### **Schedule**

Students meet with Professor Rockhill six days a week (Monday through Saturday) in the mornings, usually starting at 7am, beginning January 3. These meetings last anywhere from 1 hour to 5 hours, depending on the topics for the day. After meeting, the students meet without Professor Rockhill to discuss the goals for that day. Work continues either in the studio space, in the warehouse, or on site until approximately 10pm. No official breaks are dictated; students are responsible to take them as needed.

### **Responsibilities**

At the beginning of the program, students identify areas of interest in which they would like responsibility for the duration of the project. These tasks may be in an area of previous study or expertise, or simply an area of interest. Each student is typically the “go-to” person in charge for two to four topics or areas, as well as a support member for many other areas, if not all. The student group as a whole is responsible for all design and all construction, as well as any duties necessary to complete these tasks. This includes, but is not limited to, design, construction documents, materials specifications, donations, engineering, sustainability, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, site acquisition, public relations, marketing, concrete, steel fabrication, hardware, site work, etc. Students are responsible for all communication necessary to professionals in the field and any clients.

### **How does the design portion work with so many students involved?**

The design of each project is entirely a group effort. No one student or team of students is in charge of the design or given sole credit. As the class is faced with challenges, such as available materials, site restrictions, program issues, etc, it is up to the class as a group to collaborate on design schemes and come up with a satisfactory solution without compromising high quality modern design. All decisions are made by a vote. All work produced by studio 804 is the exclusive property of Studio 804, Inc.

**Experience needed**

Students must meet the academic prerequisites to be enrolled in the course. No prior experience working in an architecture firm or on a construction site is needed.

**LEED**

While sustainability has always been a major component of Studio 804's work, the most recent completed project, 2008 Sustainable Prototype, was certified at LEED Platinum standards. This was the first building in the state of Kansas, including those designed by professionals, with this designation. This was the first time Studio 804 has taken on the documentation process for LEED certification. The class for the current year, 2008-2009, has also decided to aspire to LEED Platinum certification with the construction of their sustainable residence in Kansas City. The decision for future Studio 804 projects to take on the challenge of LEED certification will be made by each class of students; those considering the studio should not consider LEED to be a guaranteed aspect of their program.

**Awards**

Every year Studio 804 enters its projects into several design competitions. The studio prides itself on maintaining a rigorous modern design agenda while addressing many current architectural issues. For the past 10 consecutive years, the student projects from Studio804 have each won many awards, at both professional and international levels. This does not guarantee any incoming student the promise of their specific project to be award winning.

**Stipends**

No stipends or payroll is given to students in Studio 804. However, they are eligible for up to 21 credit hours for the work done in Studio 804.

**Living expenses**

Students in Studio 804 live like any other university student. They are responsible for providing their own living arrangements and food. The Lawrence, Kansas community is reasonably priced. Approximate housing prices for this area are as follows: A student living alone could find an apartment for \$500/mo and living with a roommate, approximately \$350/mo. For more information about the Lawrence community or apartments for lease, please visit: <http://www.ci.lawrence.ks.us/>, <http://www.visitlawrence.com/>, <http://www.lawrence.com/>

**Health insurance**

Each student is required to hold personal health insurance to cover them in case of accident. Personal safety at Studio 804 is a top priority. This request is usually satisfied by parent's insurance or a Student Insurance Policy provided through the University. It is not an unusual request and Studio 804 is happy to help in finding appropriate insurance.

**Visit**

Those interested in our experience are welcome to visit us during the months of August thru May, with an appointment.

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