

Fabricating Play

Intimate Architectures and Installation Design



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This seminar explores interactive installation design at an intimate scale, somewhere in-between furniture and buildings. We will investigate case studies of innovative spatial practices, analyze design and fabrication techniques that prompt audience participation and interaction, and collaborate with a local fabricator to prototype ideas for a children's play structure in Chicago. The course will speculate on how design might prompt new relationships between the human body and the built environment as we envision animated landscapes of play and learning.

This course will meet in-person in Chicago (333 S. Desplaines), and we will take regular field trips to meet and work with our fabrication partner, Building Brown Workshop, in their fabrication lab located in Chicago's McKinley Park neighborhood. The resulting work will be exhibited to the public at the **Design Museum of Chicago** at the end of the semester!

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