

Interior Design Major

Bachelor of Fine Arts, BFA
Interior Design

The mission of the interior design program is to produce liberally educated professional designers qualified by their education to enhance the function and quality of interior spaces. Those who complete the requirements of this program will, through their knowledge of interior design principles, practices, and techniques, be able to make contributions to their society's quality of life and productivity. Graduates of the program will be able to apply their knowledge to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public they serve through their profession.

Interior Design Program Goals

Upon graduation, the interior design major will:

1. Combine design theory, creativity and functionalism to develop effective interior solutions.
2. Create design solutions featuring human-centric design that responds to user needs and promotes health and well-being.
3. Justify their design decisions through written and verbal statements. Develop entry level design knowledge and skills.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Interior design majors will combine design theory, creativity and functionalism to develop effective interior solutions.
2. Interior design majors will create design solutions featuring human-centric design that responds to user needs and promotes health and well-being.
3. Interior design majors will justify their design decisions through written and verbal statements.
4. Interior design majors will utilize their knowledge and skills to complete entry level interior design responsibilities.

The interior design major, consisting of 74 credit hours, provides a professional program directed toward both the residential and commercial aspects of interior design. Course content features the creative design process, design theory, space planning, human-centric design, drawing software, graphics, finishes and furnishings, building systems, lighting, sustainable design, history of interiors, and professional practices. Students are able to document their learning and communicate with professional drawing and presentation formats.

Dedicated studios feature individual work stations with locking storage, computers, printers, print resources, and sample storage. Students use AutoCAD, Revit, SketchUP Pro, Photoshop, InDesign, and Microsoft Office. Students are required to have their laptops with AutoCAD and SketchUP, Podium and the Adobe Creative Suite software. See the computer and software recommendations on our Campus Technology website <http://www.converse.edu/office/campus-technology/computer-recommendations/>. Interior design majors interact with professional designers and trade experts on and off campus through a variety of activities. Each interior design major completes a professional interior design work experience and the Center for Career Development supports this graduation requirement. Student memberships in professional organizations are encouraged.

Foundation Courses

CTW credits are satisfied in the GEP credits.

Item #	Title	Credits
CTW 100	CREATIVITY THAT WORKS I	1
CTW 200	CREATIVITY THAT WORKS II	2
	2D DESIGN: ART 111 or 125	3
	3D DESIGN: Art 112 or 125	3
	DRAWING I: ART 113 or ART 125	3
	DES Foundation elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	12

Art and Interior Design History

Item #	Title	Credits
ART 201	INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY OF WESTERN ART I	3
ART 202	INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY OF WESTERN ART II	3
DES 381	HISTORY OF INTERIORS I	3
DES 382	HISTORY OF INTERIORS II	3
	Sub-Total Credits	12

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Item #	Title	Credits
DES 280	DESIGNING WITH COLOR	3
DES 282	INTRODUCTION TO INTERIOR DESIGN	3
DES 283	SPACE PLANNING	3
DES 284	RESIDENTIAL DESIGN	3
DES 285	COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN	3
DES 286	ADVANCED COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN	3
DES 288	INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION	3
DES 289	PRESENTATION SKILLS	3
DES 383	CODES AND MATERIALS	3
DES 384	COMMERCIAL DESIGN I	3
DES 386	LIGHTING	3
DES 387	KITCHEN AND BATH DESIGN	3
DES 480	SENIOR SEMINAR	1
DES 481	ADVANCED INTERIOR DESIGN I	3
DES 482	ADVANCED INTERIOR DESIGN II	3
DES 483	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE	3
	Sub-Total Credits	46

Senior Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
DES 485	PROFESSIONAL DESIGN WORK EXPERIENCE	3
ART 415	SENIOR EXHIBITION	1
	Sub-Total Credits	4
	Total Credits	74