

Bachelor of Fine Arts with an Interior Design Major

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

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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 71 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.

Program: Art Education, History, Therapy, Studio and Interior Design

Type: Bachelor of Fine Arts, BFA

Required Courses

DES 482 and 485 fulfill the experiential learning and capstone requirements for degree program. DES 382 fulfills the writing intensive requirement.

Item #	Title	Credits
CTW 100	INTERDISCIPLINARY FOUNDATIONS I	1
CTW 200	INTERDISCIPLINARY FOUNDATIONS II	2
	2D DESIGN: ART 111 or 125	3
	3D DESIGN: Art 112 or 125	3
ART 201	INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY OF WESTERN ART I	3
	DRAWING I: ART 113 or ART 125	3
ART 202	INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY OF WESTERN ART II	3
DES 282	INTRODUCTION TO INTERIOR DESIGN	3
DES 283	SPACE PLANNING	3
DES 285	COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN	3
DES 287	COLOR AND TEXTILE DESIGN	3
DES 289	PRESENTATION SKILLS	3
DES 284	RESIDENTIAL DESIGN	3
DES 286	ADVANCED COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN	3
DES 288	INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION	3
DES 381	HISTORY OF INTERIORS I	3
DES 383	CODES AND MATERIALS	3
DES 387	KITCHEN AND BATH DESIGN	3
DES 382	HISTORY OF INTERIORS II	3
DES 384	COMMERCIAL DESIGN I	3
DES 386	LIGHTING	3
DES 485	PROFESSIONAL DESIGN WORK EXPERIENCE	3
DES 480	SENIOR SEMINAR	1
DES 481	ADVANCED INTERIOR DESIGN I	3
DES 483	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE	3
DES 482	ADVANCED INTERIOR DESIGN II	3
ART 415	SENIOR EXHIBITION	1
	Total credits:	71