Interior designers work in a wide range of commercial and residential settings; and they formulate designs which are practical, aesthetic, and conducive to the intended purposes. Interior designers cover all of the phases of a project, from space planning to lighting design, selecting and specifying colors, finishes, fabrics, furniture, flooring, and wall coverings. They create useful and stylish interiors that satisfy their clients’ needs.

What Tasks Might An Interior Designer Perform?

According to the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ), some of the tasks an interior designer may perform include the following:

- Research and analysis of the client’s goals and requirements, and development of documents, drawings, and diagrams that outline those needs.

- Formulation of preliminary space plans and two-and three-dimensional design concept studies and sketches that integrate the client’s needs and are based on knowledge of the principles of interior design and human behavior.

- Confirmation that preliminary space plans and design concepts are safe, functional, aesthetically appropriate, and meet all public health, safety, and welfare requirements, including code, accessibility, environmental and sustainability issues.

- Selection of colors, materials, and finishes to appropriately portray the design concept and to meet functional, maintenance, life-cycle performance, environmental, and safety requirements.

- Selection, specification, and documentation of furniture, furnishings, equipment, and millwork, including layout drawings and detailed product description; and contract documentation to facilitate pricing, procurement, and installation of new furniture.

- Coordination and collaboration with other allied design professionals who may be retained to provide consulting services, including but not limited to architects; structural, mechanical and electrical engineers; and various specialty consultants.
Potential Career Paths:

Among employed designers, 39 percent work in interior design firms with an additional 20 percent in architectural firms. Interior designers are employed in the retail trade, wholesale trade, construction, manufacturing, government, entertainment, and various other business services.


Partial List of Classes Offered in the Interior Design Program (Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree):

- Architectural Construction and Methods I and II
- Sketching and Color Composition
- Commercial Design I, II, and III
- Computer-Aided Design (CAD) I, II, and III
- Lighting
- Materials, Textiles, and Finishes
- Residential Design I and II
- Space Planning
- Capstone: Research and Program
- Capstone Project
**Benefits of the Interior Design Program:**

- You will build a portfolio that will showcase your interior design skills.
- You will gain valuable, practical experience through program-related, faculty-monitored internships or job-related assignments.
- You will learn how to use industry software (Computer-Aided Design, SketchUp, Rhino, etc.) that will prepare you for a career in the interior design field.
- You will learn from a supportive faculty selected on the basis of academic excellence and relevant professional experience in the interior design field.

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science, Interior Design  
60 semester credits required for graduation

**Degree:** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior Design  
120 semester credits required for graduation

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