

Interior Design Program

Program Description

The purpose of the program is to prepare students to become professionals in the field of interior design. The program has a comprehensive curriculum based upon the components contained in the California Community College Program Plan for Interior Design (2009), the areas of emphasis contained in the exams for professional certification, and the core competencies of multi-level degree programs in Interior Design. The program provides a strong foundation for students who wish to enter the workplace immediately as well as for those whose educational goal is to pursue coursework required for an advanced degree, a Bachelors, Masters and /or Doctorate in Interior Design or a related field.

The goals of the program are to prepare students for employment and career advancement, to foster a commitment to professional development and lifelong learning, to encourage creative and critical thinking skills, instill an awareness of ethical and legal business practices, and to promote an awareness of the impact of globalization on all aspects of design.

In response to the trends of specialization, continuing education and professional certification, students have the opportunity to explore various design-related fields and to develop educational goals that will prepare them for their area of interest. In addition to the Certificate of Achievement and Associate Degrees in Interior Design, all courses are transferable to CSUS. Some courses articulate with lower division requirements of UC schools.

The department has an extensive resource center, professional library, drafting studio, and computer lab. It benefits from the support of professional designers, fabricators, retailers, and manufacturers' representatives.

Learning Outcomes:

After successfully completing a Certificate of Achievement or Associate Degree in Interior Design, a student will be able to:

- Identify, research, and creatively solve problems pertaining to the function and quality of the interior environment
- Address design issues related to health, safety and welfare
- Apply specialized knowledge of interior construction and building systems, codes, finishes and furnishings
- Prepare documents and drawings relative to the design of interior spaces.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the fundamental relationship between interior design, architecture, science, engineering and the decorative arts.

Career Options:

- Residential design
- Health Care, Retail, and Institutional Design
- Education and Research
- Product Design
- Historic preservation
- Computer Aided Design and Drafting
- Hospitality Design and Facilities Management

Expanded opportunities exist for those with specialized knowledge and supplemental certifications in areas such as sustainable design, aging in place, kitchen and bath design, lighting, universal design. There are increasing opportunities for self-employment and for careers with design-build firms and numerous design-related fields.

Professional Certification:

The Interior Design Program reflects the core competencies of the IDEX Exam, a requirement to become a Certified Interior Designer in California (C.I.D.). See www.CCIDC.org for details.

The courses also include an introduction to specialized knowledge related to supplemental professional certification by organizations and associations such as the National Kitchen and Bath Association, the American Lighting Association and the Green Building Institute.

Required Core Courses

INTDS	100	Careers in Design	2
INTDS	120	Color Theory and Application or	3
ART	124	Color and Design 1	
INTDS	150 * OR	History of Interiors and Decorative Arts 1 or	3
INTDS	155*	History of Interiors and Decorative Arts 2	
*ART 164 & 165 are substitutes for INTDS 150 & 155			
INTDS	200	Interior Design Fundamentals	3
INTDS	210* OR	Intro to Sales and Marketing for Design or	3
INTDS	270*	Business and Professional Practices	
*BUSAD 245 & 218 are substitutes for INTDS 210 & 270			
INTDS	220	Interior Finishes & Construction Materials	3
INTDS	230 OR	Drafting for Interiors or	3
INTDS	250	CAD/D for Interiors	
Required Core Units			20

Electives:

INTDS	120	Color theory and Application*	3
INTDS	130	Fabrics for Interiors	3
INTDS	140	Rendering and Rapid Visualization	3
INTDS	145	Fundamentals of Lighting Design	3
INTDS	150	History of Interiors & Decorative Arts 1 *	3
INTDS	155	History of Interiors & Decorative Arts 2 *	3
INTDS	160	Asian Design and Decorative Arts	3
INTDS	180	Universal Design for Health Safety & Welfare	3
INTDS	190	Sustainable and Green Design	3
INTDS	210	Intro Sales and Marketing for Design*	3
INTDS	215	Interior Design Studio 1	2
INTDS	230	Drafting for Interiors*	3
INTDS	235	Space Planning	3
INTDS	245	Kitchen and Bath Design	3
INTDS	250	CAD/D for Interiors*	3
INTDS	270	Business and Professional Practices*	3
INTDS	298	Special Topics in Design	1
INTDS	398	Community Design Project	3
ART	120	Basic Drawing	3
ART	124	Color and Design*	3
ART	150	Gallery Operation and Management	3
BUSAD	210	Business Communication	3
BUSAD	249	Business Internship	4
BUSAD	218	Business Law	4
CMPGR	215	Business Presentation Graphics	3
ENGTC	210	Intro to Computer Assisted Drafting	1

* May be taken as an elective, if not taken as a core requirement.

Programs Offered and Matrix:

Certificate of Achievement in Interior Design

A. A. Degree in Interior Design

A. S. Degree in Interior Design

Program	Required	Electives	Total	GE	Total Units
Certificate of Achievement	20	7	27	none	27
AA	20	4	24	GE	60
AS	20	14	34	GE	60

Certificate of Achievement: Interior Design

The Certificate of Achievement in Interior Design is a pathway to entry level employment in the field of interior design. It is also suitable for students who have an Associate or Baccalaureate Degree in another major. To earn a Certificate of Achievement, students must complete a minimum of 27 units with a grade of C or better.

Required Core Course Units	20
INTDS Elective Course Units	7
Minimum Total Units for Certificate	27

A.A. Degree: Interior Design Major

The Associate of Arts degree is appropriate for students who are planning to transfer to a specific four-year program, majoring in interior design or related field. Students are advised to consult with an academic counselor regarding requirements specific to various institutions. To earn an Associate in Arts degree, students must complete a minimum of the 24 required units with a grade of C or better, electives which reflect the 4-year institution's lower division requirements and the MJC General Education requirements

Required Course Units	20
INTDS Elective Course Units	4
Total Units for A.A. Major	24

A.S. Degree: Interior Design Major

The Associate of Science degree provides a comprehensive curriculum in interior design and meets the 2-year academic requirement to apply for the IDEX exam. To earn an Associate in Science degree, students must complete the 34 required units for the program with a C or better and the MJC General Education requirements.

Required Core Course Units	20
INTDS Elective Course units	14
Minimum Total Units for A.S. Major	34

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