

Interior Design Program

Program Description: 2009-2010

The Interior Design program has a comprehensive curriculum based upon a nationally accepted professional body of knowledge, reflected in the skills and competencies required to become a Certified Interior Designer (C.I.D.), and included in the California Community College Program Plan for Interior Design. The application of the principles and elements of design are incorporated into every course and the content addresses the critical issues affecting the built environment: technology, universal design, and sustainability. Product knowledge, communication and presentation skills, consumer trends, and the utilization of technology are imbedded into the curriculum. Participation in professional development opportunities is encouraged.

The program focuses on the design of both residential and non-residential environments in response to the specific needs of the client, considering the factors of function, materials and structures, and aesthetics. The incorporation of professional practice issues such as ethics, licensing, and management provide a solid preparation for success in the workplace. Through the coursework, students are given the opportunity to prepare for self-employment as well as for careers in residential design, retail sales, and specialties such as kitchen and bath design. The department has an extensive resource center, professional library and computer lab. It benefits from the support of the community of professional designers, fabricators, and manufacturers' representatives.

Career Paths

The profession of Interior Design/ Merchandising offers a variety of specializations including, but not limited to:

- Residential, Commercial or Institutional Design
- Kitchen and Bath Design
- Health Care , Retail, or Hospitality Design
- Education
- Product Design
- Universal or Special Population Design
- Historic Preservation
- System Space Planning
- Computer Aided Drafting
- Specifications Writing
- Lighting

Certified Interior Designer

The program offers an excellent opportunity for design professionals, who are currently working in the field, to update their skills and to accrue the required design-related academic units necessary to apply for the certification examination. Please consult www.CCIDC.org for requirements to become a Certified Interior Design (CID) in California.

Professional Development and Lifelong Learning

Due to the dynamic nature of interior design, students are encouraged to maintain a commitment to professional development and lifelong learning.

Programs Offered and Matrix:

Certificate of Achievement in Interior Design

A. A. Degree in Interior Design

A. S. Degree in Interior Design

Program	Required INTDS	Electives	Total INTDS	GE	Total Units
AA	22	2	24	GE	60
Certificate	22	5	27	none	27
AS	22	12	34	GE	60

Required INTDS Core Courses

INTDS	100	Careers	2
INTDS	120	Color Theory and Application	3
INTDS	150 or 155	History of Interiors and Decorative Arts 1 or 2	3
INTDS	200	Interior Design Fundamentals	3
INTDS	210	Intro to Sales and Marketing for Design	3
INTDS	215	Interior Design Studio 1	2
INTDS	220	Interior Finishes & Construction Materials	3
INTDS	230	Drafting for Interiors	3
Required Core Units			22

INTDS Electives

INTDS	130	Fabrics for Interiors	3
INTDS	140	Rendering and Rapid Visualization	3
INTDS	145	Fundamentals of Lighting Design	3
INTDS	155	History of Interiors and Decorative Arts 2	3
INTDS	160	Asian Design and Decorative Arts	3
INTDS	180	Barrier Free Design; Codes and Regulations	3
INTDS	190	Sustainable and Green Design	3
INTDS	235	Residential 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

*Special Topics courses allow participation in a discussion, analysis and evaluation of a special topic or problem relevant to Interior Design. Topics are announced each semester in the schedule of classes. Field trips may be required.

Independent Study

Independent study is supervised study, projects, or laboratory practice that is sufficiently specific to permit the student to report or demonstrate its value beyond that possible to achieve within the standard curriculum. Independent study courses are numbered INTDS199, 299, or 399. Interested students should contact the instructor.

Note: INTDS 10 Open Lab is not certificate or degree applicable

Certificate of Achievement: Interior Design

The Certificate of Achievement in Interior Design acts as a pathway to numerous career opportunities in the field of interior design. It is appropriate for students for whom the goal is to enter the field of interior design without pursuing a degree. It is also suitable for students who are making a career transition and/or 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	22
INTDS Elective Course Units	5
Minimum Total Units for Certificate	27

A.A. Degree: Interior Design

The Associate of Arts degree is appropriate for students who are planning to transfer to a four-year program. 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 institutions lower division requirements and the MJC Associate Degree General Education requirements

Required Course Units	22
INTDS Elective Course Units	2
Total Units for A.A. Major	24

A.S. Degree: Interior Design Major

The Associate of Science degree is appropriate for students who wish to enter the field of interior design, but do not plan to transfer to a four-year university. 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 Associate Degree General Education requirements.

Required Core Course Units	22
INTDS Elective Course units	12
Minimum Total Units for A.S. Major	34

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