

MAJOR IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN, INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE CONCENTRATION



The Interior Architecture (IA) concentration in the Interior Architecture and Design major prepares students to become professional designers

through education, experience, and examination. Students learn to design interior environments that enhance the function and quality of life, increase productivity, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Faculty prepare students for research-based problem-solving and experiential education rooted in studio instruction, service learning, and internships that encompass cultural, environmental, and historical perspectives. The IA concentration in the Interior Architecture and Design major is accredited by the Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) (<https://www.accredit-id.org/>). Faculty hold professional certifications in NCIDQ, LEED AP, and WELL AP.

Students in the Interior Architecture concentration will acquire knowledge and skills to prepare them to become interior design professionals as qualified by education, experience, and National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) examination. Students will apply understanding of multiple processes that are involved in the practice of interior architecture and interior design to develop creative design solutions for building interiors, including programming, research-informed and evidenced-based design, building information modeling, construction documentation and detailing. Core skills developed will align with current Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) (<https://www.accredit-id.org/>) standards.

Learn more about the Interior Architecture concentration on the Department of Design and Merchandising website. (<https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/dm/programs-and-degrees/b-s-in-interior-architecture-and-design/interior-architecture/>)

Requirements

Effective Fall 2024

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program Concentration:

First year students in the Interior Architecture and Design Major will not declare a concentration until spring semester. Students may apply to the Interior Architecture concentration through the Selective Advancement Design Scenario. Students who qualify for the Selective Advancement Design Scenario must have a minimum grade of C in INTD 110, INTD 129, INTD 166, and a cumulative reported GPA of 2.500 or better to participate. All majors in the concentration must earn a minimum grade of C (2.000) in the studio course sequence to advance to the next studio (i.e., INTD 210, INTD 276, INTD 310, INTD 376, INTD 410).

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
CON 151	Construction Materials and Methods		3
DM 192B	First Year Seminar: Pre-Interior Architecture and Design		1
INTD 110	Visual Expression of Interior Environments (GT-AH1)	3B	3
INTD 129	Introduction-Interior Architecture Design		3
INTD 166	Visual Communication-Drawing		3
MATH 117	College Algebra in Context I (GT-MA1)	1B	1
MATH 118	College Algebra in Context II (GT-MA1)	1B	1
MATH 124	Logarithmic and Exponential Functions (GT-MA1)	1B	1
PSY 100	General Psychology (GT-SS3)	3C	3
Select one course from the following:			3
ART 100	Introduction to the Visual Arts (GT-AH1)	3B	
IDEA 210	Introduction to Design Thinking (GT-AH1)	3B	
LAND 110	Introduction to Landscape Architecture	3B	
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	4

Elective			1
Total Credits			30
Sophomore			
INTD 210	Studio I-Interior Architecture and Design		3
INTD 266	Visual Communication-Digital Multi-Media		3
INTD 276	Studio II-Interior Architecture and Design		3
Focus Area ¹			9
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)		1C	3
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)		2	3
Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)		3D	3
Electives			3
Total Credits			30
Junior			
INTD 310	Studio III-Interior Architecture and Design		4
INTD 330	Lighting Design		3
INTD 335	Interior Architecture and Design Technologies		3
INTD 340	Interior Materials and Products		3
INTD 350	Codes-Health and Safety		3
INTD 359	History of Interior Architecture and Design		3
INTD 376	Studio IV-Interior Architecture and Design		4
INTD 410	Evidence-based Design Theory	4A	3
Select one course from the following:			3
AM 460	Historic Textiles		
HIST 354	American Architectural History		
Elective			3
Total Credits			32
Senior			
INTD 456	Professional Practice-Interior Arch Design	4B	3
INTD 476	Capstone-Interior Architecture and Design	4C	4
INTD 487 ²	Internship		12
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	3
Elective ³			6
Total Credits			28
Program Total Credits:			120

¹ In addition to required courses in the concentration, students must complete a minimum of 9 credits from one of the following focus areas. These credits may be used to fulfill required courses in a certificate, minor, interdisciplinary minor, second major, or a focused group of courses approved by an advisor.

Focus Areas:

- Art History
- Business Administration
- Design Thinking
- Entrepreneurship
- Gerontology
- Global Environmental Sustainability
- Graphic Design
- Media Studies

- Merchandising
- Real Estate
- Psychology

Any minor or undergraduate certificate at CSU in these or other areas will satisfy for the aforementioned focus area requirement.

A minor in Construction Management **completed in full**, will satisfy for the aforementioned focus area requirement.

² Substitute experiences could include study abroad or elective courses or independent study (service learning) with advisor approval.

³ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be Upper-Division (300- or 400-level).

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

First year students in the Interior Architecture and Design Major will enter with an undeclared concentration; they will apply to the Interior Architecture concentration through the Selective Advancement Design Scenario. Students who qualify for the Selective Advancement Design Scenario must have a minimum grade of C in INTD 110, INTD 129, INTD 166, and a cumulative reported GPA of 2.500 or better to participate. Approximately 60 students are selected to advance to the Interior Architecture concentration. The Interior Architecture concentration is a cohort program - after students pass the Design Scenario, semesters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are sequential.

All majors in the concentration must earn a minimum grade of C in the studio course sequence to advance to the next studio (i.e., INTD 210, INTD 276, INTD 310, INTD 410).

Students must complete a 12-credit internship prior to graduation. For students who are unable to participate in an internship, substitute experiences could include study abroad or elective courses or independent study (service learning) with advisor approval.

In addition to required courses in the major, students must complete a minimum of 9 credits from one of the following focus areas. These credits may be used to fulfill required courses in a certificate, minor, interdisciplinary minor, second major, or a focused group of courses approved by an advisor.

Focus Areas:

- Art History
- Business Administration
- Design Thinking
- Entrepreneurship
- Gerontology
- Global Environmental Sustainability
- Graphic Design
- Media Studies
- Merchandising
- Real Estate
- Psychology

Any minor or undergraduate certificate at CSU in these or other areas will satisfy for the aforementioned focus area requirement.

A minor in Construction Management **completed in full**, will satisfy for the aforementioned focus area requirement.

Freshman

Semester 1		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	X		1A	3
DM 192B	First Year Seminar: Pre-Interior Architecture and Design	X			1
INTD 110	Visual Expression of Interior Environments (GT-AH1)	X		3B	3
MATH 117	College Algebra in Context I (GT-MA1)	X		1B	1
MATH 118	College Algebra in Context II (GT-MA1)	X		1B	1
PSY 100	General Psychology (GT-SS3)	X		3C	3
Select one course from the following:		X			3
ART 100	Introduction to the Visual Arts (GT-AH1)			3B	
IDEA 210	Introduction to Design Thinking (GT-AH1)			3B	
LAND 110	Introduction to Landscape Architecture			3B	

INTD 110 required for selective advancement. X

Total Credits					15
Semester 2		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CON 151	Construction Materials and Methods	X			3
INTD 129	Introduction-Interior Architecture Design	X			3
INTD 166	Visual Communication-Drawing	X			3
MATH 124	Logarithmic and Exponential Functions (GT-MA1)	X		1B	1
Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			X	3A	4
Elective			X		1
CO 150 and AUCC 1B must be completed by the end of Semester 2.		X			
INTD 129 and INTD 166 required for selective advancement.		X			

Total Credits					15
Sophomore					
Semester 3		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
INTD 210	Studio I-Interior Architecture and Design	X			3
INTD 266	Visual Communication-Digital Multi-Media	X			3
Focus Area Electives (See Major Requirements Tab.)		X			6
INTD 266 must be completed by the end of Semester 3.		X			
Historical Perspectives (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)				3D	3

Total Credits					15
Semester 4		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
INTD 276	Studio II-Interior Architecture and Design	X			3
Focus Area Elective (See Major Requirements Tab.)		X			3
1C (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc)			X	1C	3
Advanced Writing (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing)			X	2	3
Elective			X		3
PSY 100 must be completed by the end of Semester 4.		X			

Total Credits					15
Junior					
Semester 5		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
INTD 310	Studio III-Interior Architecture and Design	X			4
INTD 330	Lighting Design	X			3
INTD 335	Interior Architecture and Design Technologies	X			3
INTD 350	Codes-Health and Safety	X			3
Select one course from the following:		X			3
AM 460	Historic Textiles				
HIST 354	American Architectural History				

Total Credits					16
Semester 6		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
INTD 340	Interior Materials and Products	X			3
INTD 359	History of Interior Architecture and Design	X			3
INTD 376	Studio IV-Interior Architecture and Design	X			4
INTD 410	Evidence-based Design Theory	X		4A	3
Elective			X		3

Total Credits					16
Senior					
Semester 7		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
INTD 456	Professional Practice-Interior Arch Design	X		4B	3
INTD 476	Capstone-Interior Architecture and Design	X		4C	4

Biological and Physical Sciences (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biolocial-physical-sciences)				X	3A	3
Elective				X		6
Total Credits						16
Semester 8			Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
INTD 487	Internship		X			12
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.						
Total Credits						12
Program Total Credits:						120