

Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Major in Interior Design

Interior design addresses the visual, technical, and aesthetic aspects of inhabited spaces. Interior design services involve the integration of art and design concepts; space analysis and planning; and knowledge of materials, furnishings, and construction to produce finished interior environments that interpret and serve the specific needs of a client. This degree curriculum focuses on the standards for professional interior design programs established by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. The major is designed to offer learning opportunities structured to prepare the student for a variety of careers in the interior design profession or for graduate school. Students interested in this major are advised that the degree requires six major studios, which must be taken in sequence, one per semester. The program of study includes a required internship to be taken in the summer between the junior and senior year. **Students should plan to be advised in the Department of Art as soon as they identify an interest in this major.** Students must apply to be admitted to the major based on a spring semester portfolio review of Area F courses and as Department of Art resources permit.

All students, including transfer students, must have an overall grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale after completion of 45 semester hours of college credit.

This is a 120-hour degree program.

Selected Educational Outcomes and Competencies

Students pursuing a BFA with a major in interior design will demonstrate:

1. skill in creative and critical thinking and problem-solving in response to visual, technical, aesthetic, and social aspects of inhabited spaces;
2. competence in a number of media and techniques in order to effectively communicate design solutions graphically, in writing, and through verbal presentations;
3. an understanding of the history of art and design, including contemporary theories and works;
4. competence in analysis of information and relations, evaluating issues and setting priorities as component elements of the process of generating creative design solutions for projects of any scale and complexity;
5. a significant sense of the principles, ethics, and processes necessary to conceptualize and create interiors that are responsive to the intellect, the senses, and the spirit of those who inhabit them and the greater context of the environment that contains them.

Examples of Outcome Assessments

1. Freshman portfolio review of foundation level work using a criterion-based rubric.
2. Review of semester work by program faculty using an accreditation-standards-based rubric.
3. Review of semester work by advisory board members using an accreditation-standards-based rubric.
4. Completion of a senior professional portfolio.
5. Comparisons of transcript audit results with accreditation curriculum requirements.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a Major in Interior Design

Core Curriculum		60
Core Curriculum Areas A-E (See VSU Core Curriculum)		42
Core Curriculum Area F		
ARID 1120	Fundamental Concepts in Interior Design	3
ART 1010	Drawing I	3
ART 1020	Two Dimensional Design	3
ART 1030	3-Dimensional Design	3
ART 1011	Drawing II	3
ART 2030	Computers in Art	3
Major Curriculum		60
Interior Design Studio Courses		
ARID 2111	Interior Design Studio I	3
ARID 2112	Interior Design Studio II	3
ARID 3111	Interior Design Studio III	3
ARID 3112	Interior Design Studio IV	3
ARID 4111	Interior Design Studio V	3

ARID 4112	Interior Design Studio VI	3
Major Core		
ARID 2310	Interior Design Graphics and Presentation	3
ARID 3211	History of Interiors I	3
ARID 3212	History of Interiors II	3
ARID 3320	Materials for Interior Design	3
ARID 3350	Lighting and Building Systems	3
ARID 3411	Computers for Interior Design	3
Capstone Courses		
ARID 4010	Interior Design Internship	3
ARID 4310	Advanced Graphics and Creative Techniques	3
ARID 4610	Professional Practice	3
Art History Courses		
ARTH 2121	Art History Survey I	3
ARTH 2122	Art History Survey II	3
Electives: Interior Design and Related Areas		9
Select 3 courses (9 credit hours) from upper-level art studio courses, upper-level interior design courses, upper-level art history courses, or other related courses with the approval of the Coordinator and the Head of the Department.		
Total hours for the degree		120