Interior Design

http://www.design.iastate.edu/interiordesign/index.php

Undergraduate Study

The department offers the degree Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Interior Design, www.design.iastate.edu/interiordesign

B.F.A. Interior Design. Emphasis is on the student’s application of design processes to creatively solve problems of the interior environment based on knowledge of human safety, functional utility, physical, psychological, and contextual fit. Graduates in interior design are competent in visual communication (sketching, drafting and computer aided design), design problem solving, space planning, lighting and color specification for interiors, finish and furniture selection, detailing interior construction and application of human factors. The curriculum is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) as providing professional level education.

Transfer students with studio credits from other colleges and universities must present a portfolio of work done in those courses to determine if these credits can be applied toward specific studio requirements. Students are required to present their portfolio upon admission and prior to registration for classes. Arrangements for this process must be made with department advisers.

The department offers no minor but participates in the undergraduate minors in Critical Studies in Design, Design Studies, and Digital Media.

Curriculum in Interior Design

The Curriculum in Interior Design leads to a 129.5 credit undergraduate Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design including a 30.5 credit Core Design Program.

Admission into the professional program depends upon available resources and is subject to the approval of a faculty committee at the completion of the Core Design Program. Applicants are reviewed on the basis of academic performance and a portfolio of original work.

A 34 graduate credit program is offered leading to the master of fine arts. Consideration for admission into the undergraduate Interior Design curriculum requires completion of the 30.5 credit Core Design Program, including the following courses:

- DSN S 102  Design Studio I  4
- DSN S 115  Design Collaborative Seminar  0.5
  or DSN S 110  Design Exchange Seminar I  4
- DSN S 131  Design Representation  4
- DSN S 183  Design Cultures  3
- Six credits of Social Science/Humanities  6
- Six credits of Math/Science  6
- ENGL 150  Critical Thinking and Communication  3
  or ENGL 250  Written, Oral, Visual, and Electronic Composition  3
- LIB 160  Information Literacy  1

Admission is based on department resources and will be determined by a formal review at the end of the Core Design Program.

Transfer students with studio credits from other programs, colleges, and universities must present for departmental review a portfolio of work done in those courses in order to have the credits apply toward studio requirements. Students are advised to present portfolio upon admission and prior to registration for classes. Arrangements for this process must be made with department advisers.

Total Degree Requirement: 129.5 cr.

Only 65 cr. from a two-year institution may apply which may include up to 16 technical cr.; 9 P-NP cr. of free electives; 2.00 minimum GPA average; Completion of all requirements listed below.

International Perspective: 3 cr.

U.S. Diversity: 3 cr.

Communication: 10 cr.

(C- or better grade)

- ENGL 150  Critical Thinking and Communication  3
- ENGL 250  Written, Oral, Visual, and Electronic Composition  3
- LIB 160  Information Literacy  1

One course from the following:

- COMST 101  Introduction to Communication Studies  3
- COMST 102  Introduction to Interpersonal Communication  3
- CMDIS 286  Communicating with the Deaf  2
- SP CM 212  Fundamentals of Public Speaking  3

Total Credits 10

Humanities: 6 cr.

6 cr. from program curriculum sheet.

Social Sciences: 6 cr.

6 cr. from program curriculum sheet.

Math/Physics/Biol. Sciences: 6 cr.

One of the following:

- MATH 104  Introduction to Probability  3
- MATH 105  Introduction to Mathematical Ideas  3
- MATH 140  College Algebra  3
- or MATH 150  Discrete Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences  3

Three credit hours from program curriculum sheet.

Total Credits 6

General Education Courses: 9 cr.

9 cr. from program curriculum sheet; 6 cr. of course level 300-400.

College of Design Core: 11.5 cr.

- DSN S 102  Design Studio I  4
- DSN S 115  Design Collaborative Seminar  0.5
  or DSN S 110  Design Exchange Seminar I  4
- DSN S 131  Design Representation  4
- DSN S 183  Design Cultures  3

Total Credits 11.5

General Design History: 6 cr.

Select 6 cr. from any College of Design history courses.

Interior Design: 63 cr.

- ARTID 250  Fundamentals of Interior Design  2
- ARTID 251  Human Factors in Design  3
- ARTID 261  Graphic Communication for Interior Design I  3
- ARTID 263  Graphic Communication for Interior Design II  3
- ARTID 265  Interior Design Studio I  4
- ARTID 267  Interior Design Studio II  4
- ARTID 259  Sophomore Field Study  R
- ARTID 350  Interior Finish Materials and Systems  3
- ARTID 351  Interior Health and Safety Systems  3
- ARTID 352  Interior Environmental Control Systems  3
- ARTID 353  Interior Building Systems and Details  3
  or ARCH 245  Building Science and Technology I  3
- ARTID 355  Interior Design History/Theory/Criticism I  3
- ARTID 356  Interior Design History/Theory/Criticism II  3
- ARTID 359  Junior Field Study  R

Interior Design Internship Seminar taken during Sophomore and Junior years 1

- ARTID 360  Interior Design Internship Seminar  3
- ARTID 365  Interior Design Studio III  4
- ARTID 367  Interior Design Studio IV  3
- ARTID 459  Senior Field Study  R
- ARTID 460  Interior Design Internship  3
Graduate Study

The department offers the degrees of Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) in Interior Design, and Master of Arts (M.A.) in Art and Design, with degree specialization in interior design.

The M.A. in Art and Design with specialization in interior design requires a minimum of 34 credits including a studio concentration and work in research methods and human factors. Candidates focus on research in an area of specialization culminating in a written thesis comprised of original research. Graduates have a broad understanding of current interior design issues and design research, preparing them for special analytical aspects of design practice and further studies leading to the PhD. Applicants without a degree in interior design may be required to complete up to 40 additional credits of course work.

M.F.A. graduates in Interior Design are proficient in visual communication skills, design theory, human factors, and space planning. The M.F.A. degree is considered a terminal degree in the interior design field. The degree requires completion of a written thesis comprised of original research.

Credit earned at Iowa State University or other institution for the Master of Arts degree may be applied toward the Master of Fine Arts degree at the discretion of the program of study committee.

Applicants to the graduate program should have an undergraduate major in an art or design area and demonstrate the ability to do technically competent and original work through the presentation of a slide or digital portfolio for faculty review. Past academic performance and the quality of studio work are critical in the admission process. A minimum 3.0 GPA in the student’s undergraduate major is the standard for full admission to the graduate program. Admission is also determined by studio space available within the program area, which changes yearly due to graduate students’ progress in their programs of study.

Graduate students who have not completed an undergraduate program of study substantially equivalent to that required of undergraduates in the department can expect that additional supporting coursework, determined by the graduate faculty, will be required.

Prospective students are advised to contact the graduate coordinator with specific questions about admission procedures and portfolio review. Application and additional program information may be obtained from the Department of Interior Design, College of Design, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 50011-3092.