

# INTERIOR DESIGN



## *Interior Design at Drexel*

Today's designers face a variety of technological, behavioral, aesthetic, and environmental challenges unique to our modern lifestyle. Interior design is the art and science of understanding people's behavior in order to create functional spaces within the built environment. Interior environments are created for all buildings and can be categorized as spaces for living, exhibition, performance, recreation, work, and commerce. Interior design is the three-dimensional response to programmatic requirements and environmental needs.

## *Accreditation*

Drexel's undergraduate Interior Design program is accredited by CIDA, the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (formerly FIDER), and NASAD, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

## *Program Benefits*

The success of future generations will rely on their becoming innovative problem solvers, independent thinkers, and articulate communicators. Drexel's Interior Design program incorporates these skills into coursework that allows students to develop into articulate design professionals. The program will:

- Provide a foundation in design fundamentals, visual arts, art history, architecture, and furniture.
- Create a studio environment that emphasizes the process of inquiry, research, analysis, and reflection as well as learning the technical and aesthetic requirements. Our studios are designed to challenge spatial layout, human behavior issues, interior environmental systems, custom furnishings, selection of materials, and computer-rendered presentations.

## *Drexel Co-op for Interior Design*

A key part of the program is Drexel's prestigious co-operative education program, in which students alternate periods of classroom study with periods of professional work experience. Interior Design students participate in one six-month period of full-time co-op employment.

## *Employers*

Here are some of the companies that have hired Drexel students as co-op or full-time employees:

- Ballinger
- Space Design
- KlingStubbins
- Ewing Cole Cherry Brott
- Floss Barber

## *Potential Careers*

Students learn commercial, residential, and hospitality interior design, which provides them with the skill set to solve problems for corporate offices/buildings, retail, homes, restaurants, hotels, resorts, and more.

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Issues in Interior Environment.

## **Courses You'll Really Enjoy**

**Issues in Interior Environment.** Introduces the interior design discipline. Uses lectures, guest speakers, discussions, and assignments to examine issues of the profession, teach professional responsibilities, and develop an understanding of the history and organization of interior design.

**Hospitality Design Studio.** Covers the design of commercial hospitality interiors, including spatial layout, custom furnishings, lighting, selection of materials, and code requirements. Presentations professionally juried.

**Introduction to Rendering.** Covers the sketching and rendering process from the conceptual sketch to the presentation sketch. Explores hand techniques and media, concentrating on the effects of color, light, shade and shadow, and materials and their finishes.

## **Distinctive Features**

- Small class size ensures individual attention and instruction.
- Faculty maintain currency within the profession.
- Interior Design studio coursework is professionally juried.
- Students participate in design competitions.
- Collaborations with other design disciplines within the Westphal College as well as other academic colleges in the University
- The Drexel Interiors Group (DIG) offers lectures, field trips, and contact with the professional community.

## **Accelerated Degree Option**

The BS/MS Interior Architecture and Design accelerated degree program enables academically qualified students to earn both a bachelor's and an advanced degree, graduating sooner than they would in a traditional program. Interested students should contact the academic department for more information.

## **Learn More**

**Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design**

[www.drexel.edu/westphal](http://www.drexel.edu/westphal)

## **University Catalog**

A list of required courses for the Interior Design major is available online at [www.drexel.edu/catalog](http://www.drexel.edu/catalog).

## **For More Information**

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