

ACCELERATED DEGREE PROGRAM

BS INTERIOR DESIGN / MS INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The BS Interior Design / MS Interior Architecture program offers a first-professional degree in interior design and a post-professional graduate degree for students looking to accelerate their career and/or specialize in an area of interior design. The BS Interior Design program explores the behavioral, technological, environmental and aesthetic aspects of interior design within the context of increasingly more complex design projects. Combined with art and art history and general education requirements, a core of interior design courses is completed along with a 6-month professional co-op. This undergraduate education prepares students to enter the interior design industry. The MS Interior Architecture program reinforces design fundamentals; advances technical skills and conceptual approaches; allows for specialization in areas such as health/wellness, making/fabrication, or technology/representation; and culminates in a comprehensive thesis research and design project. Students select from a range of studio, seminar, and elective courses to create a program tailored to their professional interest.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Application for the Accelerated Degree Program must be made to the Department of Architecture, Design & Urbanism and the Graduate College after completing 90 credits, but no more than 120 credits.

Applications will typically be submitted during the Spring Term (of the sophomore year). The evaluation of the application and decision will take place within four (4) weeks, and acceptance letters issued before the end of the term. The application deadline will be set each year by the program director.

Criteria for Admission

1. Overall GPA of undergraduate coursework – 3.2 minimum
2. Overall GPA in interior design studio coursework – 3.5 minimum
3. Portfolio Review – interior studio work and other visual work from other design courses
4. Essay – Address reason for application, attitude towards profession, professional goals and leadership qualities you possess
5. Two letters of recommendation speaking about your work ethic and leadership skills.

Evaluation Process

There will be a Committee of Interiors faculty that reviews the applications and discusses the student's viability and determination to undergo the intensity and rigor of the final two years of the program. The Committee will consist of three members – Director of the BS Interior Design program, Director of the MS Interior Architecture + Design program and one additional faculty member. Input will be solicited from other interior design professors.

Students accepted into the BS/MS Interior Architecture program must file a completed **Accelerated Degree Program Application Form**. Students should obtain the required signatures and submit the appropriate form to Drexel Central and to the Graduate College.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Classification of Student Status – 4 Year Co-op + Graduate Accelerated Sequential Degree (1 Year)

Students completing the BS/MS Interiors Accelerated Degree Program in the Westphal College of Media Arts & Design will be coded as undergraduate students for the first four (4) years of the accelerated program. Once the student has completed four (4) years of study and received their BS Interior Design degree (minimum of 187 credits) they will be classified as a new Graduate student. Once the student has received their BS Interior Design degree they will need to fill out the **Accelerated Degree Level Conversion Form** with appropriate signatures and submit to the Graduate College.

Billing & Financial Aid

1. Students will be billed at the appropriate undergraduate or graduate rate for the program.
2. During the undergraduate portion of the program students will be eligible for undergraduate need-based and merit-based financial aid. In order to be eligible for Title IV Federal Financial Aid the student must be carrying at least 12 undergraduate credits per term while classified as an undergraduate student.
3. During the graduate portion of the program which is the 5th year, students will be reviewed for merit-based Dean's Fellowship and eligible for graduate financial aid. Dean's Fellowship is only offered if the student is carrying 9 GR credits per term. The student will be billed at the graduate credit rate.

Type of Co-Op and Plan of Study

BS/MS students will complete the Co-op under the BS Interior Design requirements. The six-month co-operative education, undertaken in the junior year, provides project-based experience as well as the daily operation of a design firm. Students may opt to do their co-op in Philadelphia or in another location of their choosing.

Degree Conferral

In the BS/MS Interior Design/Interior Architecture Program, students will graduate with their BS Interior Design degree with their class at the end of 4 years. The MS Interior Architecture degree will be conferred after completing all the requirements of the MS IA degree which must be completed by the end of the 5th year of studies.

Exit Plan Strategy / Withdrawing from the BS/MS Accelerated Degree Program

If a student decides that they cannot or do not want to complete the BS/MS Accelerated Degree Program they must make that decision before the beginning of the FALL TERM of their SENIOR YEAR. Students who decide to do this will need to fill out an **Accelerated Degree Level Reconversion Form** with appropriate signatures and submit to the Graduate College as well revise their Plan of Study/Sequence Sheet to reflect the registration of INTR 491 Senior Problem I, INTR 492 Senior Problem II and INTR 493 Senior Problem II.

If a student has proceeded in the BS/MS program past the fall term of the 4th year and decides to withdraw or is not able to complete the program, the completed graduate credits will be counted towards the BS degree. To graduate at the end of the 4th year, the student will be expected to have completed three graduate studios as an equivalent to the Senior Project sequence.

Evaluation Process and Benchmarks for Continuance

1. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the graduate curriculum. If the graduate GPA drops below 3.0 the student will be put on probation for one term, after which the overall graduate GPA must be above 3.0 or the student will be dismissed from the BS/MS program, but allowed to complete the BS degree.
2. During the spring term of the 4th year, BS/MS students will be required to participate in preparatory thesis meetings. Participation in the thesis prep will make BS/MS students eligible for the 5th year coursework.
3. During the 4th and 5th years, BS/MS students must complete the Comprehensive Examination requirements for the MS program.

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MS Interior Architecture Degree Requirements

The coursework allows students to customize a plan of study from a range of studio, seminar, and elective courses. Students can select additional courses with advisor approval.

Studios (16 credits / select 4)

<i>Select from:</i>	INTR 622	Graduate Studio A (Conceptual)	4.0
	INTR 632	Graduate Studio B (Residential)	4.0
	INTR 642	Graduate Studio C (Community)	4.0
	INTR 652	Graduate Studio D (Commercial)	4.0
	INTR 662	Graduate Studio E (Hospitality)	4.0
	INTR 641	Furniture Design	4.0
	INTR 674	Fabrication and Making	4.0
	INTR T680	Topic Studio	4.0

Seminars (8 credits / select 4)

<i>Select from:</i>	INTR 623	Studio A Seminar (Design Futures)	2.0
	INTR 633	Studio B Seminar (Taste, Style, Human Factors)	2.0
	INTR 643	Studio C Seminar (Detailing)	2.0
	INTR 653	Studio D Seminar (Construction Documents)	2.0
	INTR 663	Studio E Seminar (Professional Practice)	2.0
	INTR T680	Topic Seminar	2.0

Electives (12 credits / select 4)

<i>Select from:</i>	VSST 501	Contemporary Art Issues	3.0
(not limited to)	VSST 502	Space-Time	3.0
	INTR 624	Material Investigations	3.0
	INTR 625	Advanced Visual Methods	3.0
	INTR 645	Advanced Digital Methods	3.0
	INTR 654	Interior Systems	3.0
	INTR T680	Topic Elective	3.0
	INTR 870	Environmental Topics in Design	3.0
	DSRE 625	Technologies of Making	3.0
	DSRE 630	Data Visualization for Design Professionals	3.0
	DSRE 635	Translational Design Research	3.0
	URBS 610	Civic Engagement & Participatory Methods	3.0
	URBS 620	City of Systems	3.0
	URBS 650	Urbanism, Health & the Built Environment	3.0

Thesis

<i>Required:</i>	INTR 694	Thesis Research/Programming	3.0
	INTR 697	Thesis Development	3.0
	INTR 698	Thesis Documentation	3.0

Comprehensive Exam

<i>Required:</i>	INTR 699	Comprehensive Exam	0.0
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TOTAL

45.0 credits

BS ID Minimum Credits 187cr

NAME:

Co-Op Cycle A

ENTERING YEAR:

	Fall		Winter		Spring		Summer	
First Year	1st Term		2nd Term		3rd Term		4th Term	
	ARTH 101	History of Art 3	ARTH 102	History of Art II 3	ARTH 103	History of Art III 3	VACATION TERM	
	ENGL 101	Expository Reading & Writing 3	ENGL 102	Composition & Rhetoric II 3	CIVC 101	Civic Engagement 1		
	MATH 101	Introduction to Analysis I 4	UNIV 101	The Drexel Experience 1	ENGL 103	Composition & Rhetoric III 3		
UNIV 101	The Drexel Experience 1	VSST 102	Design II 4	INTR 160	Visualization I: Computer Image 3			
	VSST 101	Design I 4	VSST 110	Introductory Drawing 3	INTR 200	History of Modern Arch & Intr 3		
			A & H Elective* 3	VSST 103	Design III 4			
		Term Credits 15		Term Credits 17		Term Credits 17		Term Credits 0
		Total Credits 15		Total Credits 32		Total Credits 49		Total Credits 49
Second Year	5th Term		6th Term		7th Term		8th Term	
	INTR 220	Visualization II: Orthographic 3	COOP 101	Career Mgmt/Profess Dev 1	INTR 211	Textiles for Interiors 3	INTR 305	Visual Culture: Furniture 3
	INTR 225	Environmental Design Theory 3	INTR 232	Interior Studio I 4	INTR 331	Residential Studio 4	INTR 233	Interior Studio II 4
	INTR 231	Structure 4	INTR 241	Visualization III: Digital 3	INTR 341	Visualization V: Methods 3	INTR 245	Visualization IV: 3D Modeling 3
	INTR 250	Interior Materials 3	INTR 300	Visual Culture: Interiors (WI) 3		Free Elective (2) 3	INTR 350	Interior Detailing 3
		Free Elective (1) 3	PHYS 175/176	Light & Sound*** 4		Free Elective (3) 3		Free Elective (4) 3
			SOC 101	Intro to Sociology 3				
		Term Credits 16		Term Credits 18	Apply for BS/MS	Term Credits 16	Apply for BS/MS	Term Credits 16
		Total Credits 65		Total Credits 83		Total Credits 99		Total Credits 115
Third Year	9th Term		10th Term		11th Term		12th Term	
	(Can take one course)		(Can take one course)		INTR 351	Lighting 3	A & H Elective* 3	
	COOPERATIVE EXPERIENCE		COOPERATIVE EXPERIENCE		INTR 430	Commercial Design Studio 3	Social Science Elective 3	
					INTR 451	Interior Systems 3	Natural Science Elective 3	
		Term Credits 0		Term Credits 0	VSST 203	Multimedia Materials** 4	VSST 301/311	Painting I OR Sculpture I 4
		Total Credits 115		Total Credits 115	INTR UG	Interior Elective*** (Substitute INTR 491-Sr Prot) 3		Free Elective (5) 3
							INTR xxx	IA Elective (1) 3
						Term Credits 17		Term Credits 19
						Total Credits 132		Total Credits 151
Fourth Year	13th Term		14th Term		15th Term		16th Term	
	INTR 442	Hospitality Design Studio 4	INTR 441	Furniture Design 4		Social Science Elective* 3	INTR	DIS COPENHAGEN (6 cr) OR
	VSST 201/202	Multimedia Perform or Space 4	INTR 445	Contract Documentation 3		Free Elective (6) 3	INTR	IAD Seminar (3-6 cr)
		A & H Elective* 3	INTR 450	Professional Practice (WI) 3		Free Elective (7) 3		
	INTR xxx	IA Seminar (1)** (INTR 492 - Sr Prob II) 2	INTR xxx	IA Studio (1)** (INTR 493 - Sr Prob III) 4		Free Elective (8) 3		
	INTR xxx	IA Elective (2) 3	INTR	IA Elective (3) 3	INTR xxx	IA Studio (2) 4		
		** need to carry 12 UG credits for Fin Aid		** need to carry 12 UG credits for Fin Aid	INTR xxx	IA Seminar (2) 2		
		Term Credits 16		Term Credits 17		** need to carry 12 UG credits for Fin Aid		
		Total Credits 167		Total Credits 184	Graduate w/BS Interior Design	Term Credits 18		Term Credits 0
						Total Credits 202		Total Credits 202
Fifth Year	17th Term		18th Term		19th Term		BS ID/MS IA Degree Required # of Credits	
	INTR 694	Thesis Programming 3	INTR 697	Thesis Development 3	INTR 698	Thesis Documentation 3		
	INTR xxx	IA Studio (3) 4	INTR xxx	IA Studio (4) 4	INTR	IA Elective (4) 3		
	INTR xxx	IA Seminar (3) 2	INTR xxx	IA Seminar (4) 2	INTR 699	Comprehensive Exam 0		
		Eligible for Dean's Fellowship		Eligible for Dean's Fellowship				
		Term Credits 9		Term Credits 9		Term Credits 6		
		Total Credits 211		Total Credits 220		Total Credits 226		
	Arts & Humanities - 9cr		Social Sciences - 9cr		General Electives - 24cr		Graduate Coursework	

- Electives - Arts & Humanities - 9 credits, Social Sciences - 6 credits, Math & Natural Science - 3 credits, Free Electives - 24 credits
- Multimedia courses must include VSST 203 Materials and either VSST 201 Performance or VSST 202 Space and either VSST 301 Painting or VSST 311 Sculpture
- Withdrawing from BSID/MSIA will require the student to take Senior Project I, II, III - **Decision to withdraw from BS/MS must be made before Fall Term Senior Year**

SHARED COURSEWORK - 6 credits - Counts towards BSID & MSIA
 INTR 492 Senior Project II = INTR xxx - Studio Seminar - 2cr
 INTR 493 Senior Project III = INTR xxx - Graduate Studio - 4cr