

BFA IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

Units required for Major: 70

Minimum units required for BFA: 120

Program Description

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in **Interior Architecture** is intended for students pursuing professional careers as interior designers/interior architects. The Program provides students with the knowledge and skills to shape interior-designed environments responsibly. Combined with the CSU General Education requirements, the breadth of courses in the program reflects the values of professional preparation grounded in a liberal arts education. The Program is one of five-degree programs offered in the Department of Design (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/design/>) and shares a lower-division curriculum with the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Architecture Studies.

The Interior Architecture program encompasses a broader understanding of designing interior environments. Students learn both “interior” and “architectural” ways of thinking and designing as they develop the knowledge, skills, concepts, and sensitivities essential to professional life. Students are educated in architectural history/theory, interior architecture studio practice, interior construction practices, building mechanical and electrical systems, FFE research and specifications, graphic communication, and professional practice. The Program fosters an interdisciplinary approach to designing interior environments with particular attention to the design’s impact on environmental, social, and cultural systems.

A central part of interior and architecture education is the design studio, where students thoroughly examine design problems using experiential and project-based learning to prepare for the competitive rigors of the changing world they will face after graduation. Studio culture is non-competitive and supportive, emphasizing collaborative models of learning. Guest lecturers, professional panel critiques, discussions, field trips, and building tours of outstanding projects maintain strong connections to the profession. Service-learning opportunities form an important component of the curriculum.

The upper-division curriculum provides students with the design and technical skills needed to practice interior design/interior architecture and sit for the NCIDQ and/or IDEX examinations. The Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) (<https://www.cidq.org/>) oversees the NCIDQ Examination, which is required for interior design licensure/registration in every regulated US jurisdiction except California. The California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC) (<https://ccidc.org/>) oversees Interior Design Certification in California through the IDEX® California Exam.

Sacramento State is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), designated by the U.S. Department of Education as the agency responsible for the accreditation of art and design programs in the U.S.

Minimum Grade Requirement

A minimum grade of “C” or better is required in all major course requirements.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Lower Division Design Core Courses (7 Units)		
DSGN 10	Think Make	4
Select one of the following:		3
DSGN 4	Design and Thinking	
DSGN 20	Design and Society Since 1780	
Required Lower Division Major Courses (19 Units)		
INTD 1A	History of Architecture: Prehistory to 1800	3
INTD 1B	History of Architecture: 1800 to Today	3
INTD 15	Introduction to Interior Design	3
INTD 25	Design Fundamentals	3
INTD 27	Architectural Design Fundamentals	3
INTD 30	Beginning AutoCAD and SketchUp	2
INTD 36	Beginning Revit	2
Required Upper Division Design History (3 Units)		
Select one of the following:		3
INTD 124A	American Design	
INTD 124D	Principles of House Design	
INTD 124E	Film/Design	
Required Upper Division Professional Practice (12 Units)		
INTD 155	Professional Practice I	3
INTD 165	Professional Practice II	3
INTD 175	Professional Practice III	3
Select one of the following:		3
INTD 185	Pro Practice - Career Preparation	
INTD 195	Professional Practice IV-Internship	
Required Upper Division Courses (20 Units)		
INTD 110A	Intermediate Interior Architecture Design Studio - Residential	4
INTD 110B	Intermediate Interior Architecture Design Studio - Commercial	4
INTD 151	Interior Architecture Graphics I	3
INTD 171	Interior Design Graphics III	3
INTD 180	Capstone Interior Architecture Studio	5
INTD 181	Interior Architecture Portfolio	1
Required Electives (9 Units)		
Complete 9 units from the following: ¹		9
DSGN 4	Design and Thinking	
DSGN 20	Design and Society Since 1780	
DSGN 101	World Design and Visual Culture	
GPHD 20	History Of Graphic Design	
GPHD 25	Visual Basics	
INTD 124A	American Design	
INTD 124D	Principles of House Design	
INTD 124E	Film/Design	
PHOT 11	Digital Photography I	
PHOT 12	Digital Photography II	
PHOT 20	The Photographic Self	
PHOT 40	Darkroom Photography	
Total Units		70

¹ Students may not choose an elective that was used for another requirement in this degree.

English Composition II	3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)	3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ²	6

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)		
B1	Physical Science ¹	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5) ¹	1
B4	Math Concepts ¹	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area C: Arts and Humanities (9 Units)		
C1	Arts ¹	0
C2	Humanities	3
C1/C2	Area C Course	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area D: The Individual and Society (6 Units)		
	Area D Course	3
	Area D Course	3
	Area D Course	0
	Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	0
Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)		
	Area E Course	3
Area F: Ethnic Studies		
	Area F Course	
Total Units		40

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (9 Units)		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government	3
	Writing Intensive (WI)	3
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)		