

Interiors: Planning/Strategy/Design

College of Design

The graduate program in the School of Interiors leads to a post-professional Master of Arts in Interiors: Planning/Strategy/Design. Students undertake a combination of course work, independent study, and research experience to develop a course of study designed to meet each student's career interests. Courses from within and outside the discipline cultivate interdisciplinary design thinking. Using design-related scholarship/research and creative approaches, students engage in an investigative process leading to an area of design specialization.

Each student works with an advising committee in the selection of a written thesis or a design thesis project option and the appropriate courses at the 500, 600, and 700 levels. Applicants that have an undergraduate degree in interior design or a related professional subject matter normally complete the program in two years. Supplementary course work may be required of applicants without professional undergraduate interior design degrees.

Degree Requirements

Students undertake the Master of Arts in Interiors with either a Plan A and Plan B option. The thesis option (Plan A) requires 24 hours of course work, six hours of Master's residence credit, and a written thesis with a research emphasis. Plan B requires completion of 30 credit hours, including six hours of ID 700, in which a student develops a design thesis project that engages in innovative problem-solving focusing on the student's area of specialization. A common core of twelve hours, comprised of ID 650, ID 655, and ID 659, is required of all students. Students complete twelve credits of additional course work in the area of concentration. Students must successfully complete a final examination in the form of a thesis defense, which is required for graduation.

Admission Requirements

Potential graduate students must:

1. Apply and be accepted to the Graduate School.
2. Have been granted a baccalaureate degree by an accredited institution with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (2.75-3.0 GPA will be considered in relation to other credentials).
3. Have taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). For a non-English speaking student, a TOEFL score of 550 or above is required (or a score of 213 on the computer version of TOEFL).
4. After admittance to the Graduate School, apply and be accepted by the School of Interiors

To be reviewed by the school, apply to the graduate program in the School of Interiors through the portal provided by the Graduate School. As part of your application, students will write a personal statement articulating why they wish to study interiors, including career goal aspirations. Additionally, three letters of recommendation regarding academic ability must be included. Students must submit a portfolio to be reviewed and evaluated by a faculty committee. The portfolio may be submitted digitally.

If you would like further information on the program, contact the Director.

Graduate Courses

ID 559	Special Topic In Interiors (Subtitle Required)	(1-3)
ID 595	Independent Study In Interiors	(1-3)
ID 650	Current Literature And Methodologies	(3)
ID 655	Creative And Theoretical Design	(3)

ID 659	Interiors Graduate Studio	(6)
ID 700	Research Applications In Interiors	(3)
ID 748	Master's Thesis Research	(0)
ID 759	Special Topics In Interiors (Subtitle Required)	(1-3)
ID 768	Residence Credit For The Master's Degree	(1-6)
ID 772	Current Issues In Design	(1-3)
ID 785	Independent Study In Interiors	(1-3)