

INTERIOR DESIGN, A.A.S.

Entry Time

Fall

Award

Associate of Applied Science degree

2 years (6 terms)

Interior Designers are creative business professionals who have the ability to innovatively solve design problems functionally and aesthetically while also improving the overall health, safety and welfare of users through design.

The Interior Design program prepares and equips students to practice and serve the community by providing education and training in residential design, commercial design, sustainability, and other areas of specialization in the field of interior design.

This highly interactive program is taught with a student-centered approach within a positive and respectful learning environment. Students are provided with a combination of classroom projects, hands-on training, and classroom instruction that emphasizes ethical, creative, technical, and responsible problem solving design.

Students study all areas of interior design including, but not limited to: Residential Design, Commercial Design, Hospitality Design, Product Design, Sustainable Design, Historical Design, and software including Photoshop, SketchUp, and Revit. Students also learn professional practice concepts and are able to apply those concepts toward assembling a portfolio and resume which are then used to obtain an internship in the field of interior design. Additionally, students have the option of attending numerous field trips to major urban cities such as Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City and more. Other national and international trips are open to students at various times throughout the year.

For individuals interested in entering the Interior Design Program at Kirkwood Community College, existing knowledge of basic computer applications is highly recommended. If you are currently a high school student, any additional training or classes you can take relating to art, design or drafting will assist in building your knowledge of design as you prepare to enter the Interior Design Program at Kirkwood.

A laptop is required for this program.

Career Opportunities

- interior design and architecture firms
- manufacturer's representative
- furniture design
- kitchen design and dealerships
- residential design
- residential staging
- commercial design firms
- contract furniture dealerships
- historic preservation or restoration
- interior design photography
- professional rendering (manual or digital)
- model building

- upholstery workrooms
- professional organizations
- sustainability consultant
- design journalist
- lighting design
- sales and retail

Degree Requirements

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Term 1		
CON-101	Architectural Plans and Specs	3
INT-126	Introduction to Interior Design ¹	3
INT-128	Historical Interiors and Architecture ¹	3
INT-129	SketchUp for Interior Design ¹	3
INT-312	Interior Design Topics ¹	1
Select one of the following:		1
INT-315	Regional Perspectives in Interior Design ¹	
INT-311	Global Perspectives in Interior Design ¹	
Term Totals:		14
Term 2		
INT-132	Theories and Visual Applications ¹	3
INT-300	Textiles for Interior Design ¹	3
INT-201	CAD REVIT for Interior Design I ¹	3
INT-185	Architectural Photoshop Techniques ¹	1
ART-133	Drawing	3
ENG-105	Composition I	3
Term Totals:		16
Term 3		
Select one of the following:		3
MGT-145	Human Relations in Management	
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology	
SOC-110	Introduction to Sociology	
INT-200	Interior Design Studio ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-106	Composition II	
ENG-108	Composition II: Technical Writing	
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	
SPC-112	Public Speaking	
Term Totals:		9
Term 4		
INT-206	Residential Design I ¹	4
INT-207	Commercial Design I ¹	4

INT-211	CAD REVIT for Interior Design II ¹	3
CON-316	Sustainable Construction Science ¹	3
	Term Totals:	14
Term 5		
INT-208	Costing and Estimating Interior Materials and Finishes ¹	3
INT-216	Residential Design II ¹	4
INT-217	Commercial Design II ¹	4
INT-218	Professional Practice and Development ¹	3
INT-262	Interior Codes and Building Structures ¹	3
	Term Totals:	17
Term 6		
INT-932	Internship ¹	3
	Term Totals:	3
	Program Totals:	73

¹ Minimum C- required to graduate

Optional Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
INT-924	Honors Project	1
INT-928	Independent Study	1-3