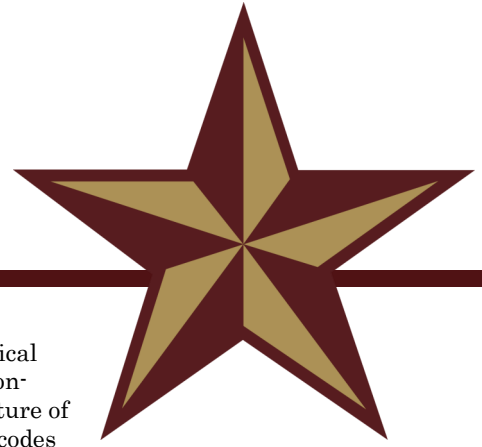


# Interior Design

## What can I do with this degree?



Interior design is a multi-faceted profession in which creative and technical solutions are applied within a structure to achieve a built interior environment. These solutions are functional, enhance the quality of life and culture of the occupants, and are aesthetically attractive. Designs must adhere to codes and regulatory requirements, and encourage the principles of environmental sustainability.

### Skills

- Artistic and Technical Skills
- Management Strategies
- Creative and Innovative
- Business Potential
- Idea development
- Business Skills
- Problem Solving Strategies
- Drawing and Sketching
- Negotiating
- Using Tools
- Measuring
- Trustworthy
- Making Presentations
- Negotiable
- Mediating Skills
- Persuasive Cataloguing
- Analyzing/ Interpreting
- Evaluating
- Developing Budgets
- Attention to Detail
- Interpersonal Communication
- Utilize designs to convey a message or concept
- Understanding of appropriate design within the context of environment
- Knowledgeable of model-making techniques
- Spatial Visualization

### Areas of Specialization

- Arts & Humanities
- Business
- Education
- Health
- Social & Behavioral Sciences

### Possible Work Settings

- Architecture and Design Firms
- Independent Design Firms
- Corporations & Facility Planning
- Office Furnishings Dealer
- Retail Furniture Store
- Retail Department Store
- Manufacturer Showroom
- Developers & Construction Companies
- State and City Governments

### Degrees offered at Texas State

- Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Science in Interior Design  
\* Texas State is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)

### Other Degrees and Certifications

- Master of Interior Design (MID)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Interior Design
- Interior Design Certification with National Council for Interior Design Qualification, <http://www.ncidq.org/>
- National Kitchen and Bath Design Certification, <http://www.nkba.org/>
- Accreditation with the International Association of Color Consultants (IACC), <http://iacena.org>
- Lighting Associate/ Lighting Specialist, <http://www.americanlightingassoc.com>
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP), <https://new.usgbc.org/>
- Registered member of the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE), <http://www.tbae.state.tx.us/>

### Career Paths

*(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)*

### General Interior Design

#### Sample Job Titles

- Interior Design Intern
- Intermediate Designer
- Junior Designer
- Senior Designer
- Design Director
- Interior Designer
- Principal
- Interior Graphic Specialist
- Project Manager

## Education

### Sample Job Titles

- Instructor
- Professor
- Adjunct Faculty
- Assistant Professor
- Lecturer
- Associate Faculty

### Possible Work Settings

- Colleges
- High Schools
- Universities

## Commercial and Contract Design

### Sample Job Titles

- Commercial Interior Designer
- Space Planner
- Marketing Specialist
- Project Manager
- Lighting Designer
- Textile Designer
- Renderer
- Sales Representative
- Product Designer
- Design Consultant
- Color Consultant/Buyer/ Merchandiser
- Computer Aided Design Specialist

### Possible Work Settings

- Hospitals
- Hotels
- Casinos
- Long-term Care Facilities
- Schools and Colleges
- Theatres/Auditoriums/Stadiums
- Office Buildings
- Restaurants
- Resorts
- Government Facilities
- Museums
- Ships
- Retail Environments
- Transportation Terminals
- Religious Institutions
- Trains
- Airplanes
- Public Facilities

## Residential Design

### Sample Job Titles

- Residential Interior Designer
- Furniture Designer
- Design Consultant
- Color Consultant/Buyer/ Merchandiser
- Computer Aided Design Specialist
- Historic Preservationist
- Product Designer
- Lighting Designer
- Project Manager

## Possible Work Settings

- Kitchens/ Bathrooms
- Model Homes
- Adaptive Homes
- Historically Preserved Buildings
- Single Family Homes
- Restored Homes
- Furniture Design Companies
- Apartment Buildings
- Condominiums

## Resources

### Student Organizations

- International Interior Designers Association (IIDA) Student Chapter: works to advance the value of interior design and practitioners and to cultivate leadership within the profession. <http://www.fcs.txstate.edu/people/organizations/iida.html>
- American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Student Chapter: a community of people driven by a love for design. Inspires and enriches its members by promoting the value of interior design, while providing knowledge and experiences that build good relationships. <http://www.fcs.txstate.edu/people/organizations/asid.html>
- United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Student Chapter: The U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. This community of leaders is working to make green buildings available to everyone within a generation. <https://new.usgbc.org/>

### State Organizations

- Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE): a multi-profession regulatory agency that oversees the examination, registration, and professional regulation of architects, interior designers, and landscape architects. <http://www.tbae.state.tx.us/>
- Texas Association for Interior Design (TAID): promotes the interest of Interior Designers, effectively communicates concerns to government, provides information and education to members, and protects the health, safety and welfare of the public. <http://www.supporttaid.org/>

## National Organizations

- Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA), <http://accredit-id.org/>
- Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), <http://www.idec.org/>
- International Interior Designers Association (IIDA), <http://www.iida.org/>
- American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), <http://www.asid.org/>
- Interior Design Society (IDS), <http://www.interiordesignsociety.org/>
- Association of Interior Design Professionals (AIDP), <http://www.aidponline.com/>
- National Home Furnishings Association (NHFA), <http://www.nhfa.org/>

## Job Search Sites

- Interior Design Jobs.com, <https://interiordesignjobs.sellisp.com/>
- All Art Schools, <http://www.allartschools.com/>
- Riley Guide, <http://www.rileyguide.com/arts.html>
- Professional CV Services, [http://www.professional-cv-services.co.uk/jobseekers/interior\\_design.html](http://www.professional-cv-services.co.uk/jobseekers/interior_design.html)
- International Interior Design Association, <http://www.iida.org/content.cfm/careers>
- American Society of Interior Designers, <http://asid.jobcontrolcenter.com/search.cfm>
- Freelancer, <http://www.freelancer.com/projects/by-job/Interior-Design.html>

## Career Library Resources (E-Books)

- *Becoming an Interior Designer: A Guide to Careers in Interior Design*, Christine Piotrowski
- *Interior Design Handbook of Professional Practice*, Cindy Coleman
- *Opportunities in Visual Arts Careers*, Mark Salmon and Bill Barrett
- *Careers for Architecture*, Blythe Camenson
- *Design: A Very Short Introduction*, John Heskett
- *Embracing Complexity in the Built Environment*, Halim Boussabaine
- *Sustainable Facilities: Green Design, Construction, and Operations*, Keith Moskow

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- *Academics Occupational Program guide*: [http://www.cod.edu/academic/acadprog/occ\\_voc/intdesoc.htm](http://www.cod.edu/academic/acadprog/occ_voc/intdesoc.htm)
- *Interior Design*: <http://lpc1.clpccd.cc.ca.us/lpc/interiordesign/careers.htm>
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- *Sigi3*: <http://www.sigi3.org/ji.asp?EQ=278309480&XX=1&RX=&JN=0148>
- *Texas Board of Architectural Examiners*: [http://www.tbae.state.tx.us/TBAE/About\\_TBAE.shtml](http://www.tbae.state.tx.us/TBAE/About_TBAE.shtml)
- *Texas Association for Interior Design*: <http://www.supporttaid.org/>
- *Interior Design Society*: <http://www.interiordesignsociety.org/>; *Association of Interior Design Professionals*: <http://aidponline.com/>

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