Interior Design Technology
IUPUI School of Engineering and Technology

About the Major

Interior Design aims to improve the function and quality of interior spaces. Interior designers collaborate with other licensed professionals in the architectural, mechanical, electrical, and construction trades. Professional training focuses on the design process, aesthetics, and space utilization. Other important concepts of training include knowledge of building codes, as well as understanding laws, regulations and standards for interior products. In addition to a two year Associate degree and a four year Bachelor of Science degree, a Minor in Interior Design Technology as well as a Certificate in Architectural and Interior Design Graphics are offered.

Sample Coursework

- Color & Lighting
- Textiles for Interiors
- Materials & Applications
- Residential & Commercial Studio
- History of Interiors & Architecture
- Building Systems

Possible Career Opportunities

- Residential Interior Designer
- Commercial Interior Designer
- Manufacturer’s Representative
- BIM Technician
- Space Planner
- Facility manager

Employment and Graduate School Information

Employment Outlook

Employment of interior designers is projected to grow about as fast as the average for all occupations. Designers will be needed to respond to consumer expectations that the interiors of homes and offices meet certain conditions, such as being environmentally friendly and more easily accessible. Remodeling of large public spaces and facilities, such as hospitals, hotels, and schools, is often funded as part of a long-term project. Companies typically budget money over many years, so that they can afford remodeling efforts when necessary, regardless of economic conditions. As interior designers focus on increasingly specialized design areas, there will be a greater need for them to collaborate with other designers and in other design-related fields (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 Edition, Interior Design).

Salary Expectations


(This section is intended for informational purposes, not predication of actual salary. Salary information is based on national salary ranges which are greatly impacted by location and relative cost of living.)

Graduate/Professional School Opportunities

Graduates may choose to pursue advanced degrees in one of the following areas: Interior Design, Art Education, Fine Arts, Museum Studies, Architecture, Arts Administration, and Professors in Design.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Purdue School of Engineering and Technology
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American Society of Interior Designers
www.asid.org

National Council for Interior Design Qualification
www.ncidq.org

Interest Code

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Where Could I Work?

- Residential & Commercial Design Firms
- Architectural Firms
- Retail Environments
- Manufacturing Settings
- Construction Industry

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