Interior Design

Associate of Applied Science Degree

The Interior Design program has been developed to prepare students with a wide variety of skills and competencies for entry into various areas of the design field, ranging from residential to commercial design. Gallatin College maintains a high level of expertise in our faculty drawing from those in the industry to provide current, relevant education for our students. After graduating and working in the field for over three years, students may be eligible to sit for the NCIDQ Exam, a national exam designed to demonstrate competency on a national level. Graduates of the Interior Design program find careers in all facets of design.

Description

The Interior Design program provides students with an avenue to join an elite industry with a large impact. Interior designers affect the function and efficiency of projects ranging from major industry to small residences. Trained interior designers are in demand in many fields as they provide for spaces that impact the look, feel and functionality of the built environments in which we live, work and play.

Manual and computer drafting, space planning and sketching along with a knowledge in construction and materials are some of the tools students use to bring their ideas to life. Students take classes that help them analyze spaces for appropriate use and function. Interior design students learn how their contribution as designers can address a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues facing our nation.

Job opportunities

Interior designers work in a variety of fields both residential and commercial. Gallatin College prepares students to enter the industry in a range of jobs, including residential design, kitchen and bath design, architectural design and various construction trade positions. Students may choose to work in the wholesale design industry with contractors and vendors, or with end users in the retail design market helping clients make appropriate selections. Some students may choose the commercial design field working on everything from restaurants to retail stores, schools to offices.

Graduates are Prepared to:

- Understand the theory and history of design and apply design principles and elements to their projects.
- Communicate in the language of interior design using listening, verbal, and written skills to interact with clients.
- Communicate graphically according to current architectural standards using both hand-drafting and AutoCAD techniques.
- Demonstrate research abilities and critical thinking in space planning, selection of finish materials, and application of codes for residential and commercial projects.
- Increase their body of knowledge in a wide variety of areas including construction and finish materials, color and lighting technologies, residential and commercial codes, sustainability, and professional practice.
- Employ creative skills to create client presentations using hand- and AutoCAD drafting, rendering, and professional sample boards and finish schedules.

Architecture Students: Please see your academic advisor for all course exceptions.

Year 1	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
IDSN 101 - Intro to Interior Design or ARCH 121IA - Introduction to Design	3	
IDSN 110 - Hist of Dsgn I Ancnt-1900 or ARCH 322IA - World Architecture I	3	
IDSN 130 - Interior Design Graphics or ARCH 151RA - Design Fundamentals I	3	
CSTN 173 - Arch Construct and Material or ARCH 241 - Building Construction I	3	
WRIT 101W - College Writing I**	3	
M 105Q - Contemporary Mathematics	3	
IDSN 111 - Hist Dsgn II 1900-Contemp or ARCH 323IA - World Architecture II		3
IDSN 131 - Presentation Drawing* *** or ARCH 261 - Architectural Graphics I		3
IDSN 135 - Fundamentals of Space Planning*		3
IDSN 225 - Light/Color/Lighting Systems		3
IDSN 230 - Interior Architecture CAD		3
IDSN 150 - Digital Technology Lab (Lab must be taken with IDSN 230)		1
COMX 222 - Professional Communication		3
Year Total:	18	19

Year 2	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
IDSN 122 - Textiles and Interior Finishes	3	
DDSN 166 - Revit I	3	
IDSN 150 - Digital Technology Lab (Must be taken with DDSN 166)	1	
IDSN 240 - Studio I Residential*	4	
IDSN 266 - Kitchen and Bath I	4	
IDSN 298 - Internship (Internship credits can be taken summer, fall or spring, but only if 30 credits are completed in Interior Design.)	3	
IDSN 250 - Studio II Commercial*		4
IDSN 255 - Environmental Design Studio		4
IDSN 275 - Professional Practices*		3
Advisor Approved Elective (a minimum of 3 credits required)		3
Year Total:	18	14
Total Program Credits:		**69**

* *Indicates prerequisites needed*
** *Placement in course(s) is determined by placement assessment*
*** *ARCH substitutions for ARCH majors only*

A grade of "C-" or above is required for all courses for graduation.

Many students need preliminary math and writing courses before enrolling in the program requirements. These courses may increase the total number of program credits. Students should review their math and English placement before planning out their full program schedules.