



What Can I Do With A Major In: Interior Design

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DESCRIPTION

A degree in Interior Design prepares individuals to apply artistic principles and techniques to the professional planning, designing, equipping, and furnishing residential and commercial interior spaces. Includes instruction in computer applications drafting and graphic techniques; principles of interior lighting, acoustics, systems integration, and color coordination; furniture and furnishings; textiles and their finishing; the history of interior design and period styles; basic structural design; building codes and inspection regulations; and applications to office, hotel, factory, restaurant and housing design.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

Commercial Designer	Interior Designer	Set Designer
Urban or Regional Planner	Exhibit Designer	Marketing
Full Service Design	Space Planning	Sales
Purchasing Agent	Business Management	Retail Design
Non-Residential Design	Hospitality Management	Bath Design
Storage Specialist	Hospitality Designer	Kitchen Design
Private Home Designer	Architectural Firm Designer	Airport Interiors
Hotel Furnishings	Auditoriums and Concert Halls	
Construction Management	Cruise Line and Private Watercraft	
Ceramic Tile Design	CADD Technician	

WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?

Office / Branded Environment | Healthcare and Medical | Hospitality (hotels, restaurants, bars and clubs, spas and resorts, clubhouses) | Retail | Government / Institutional | Education | Entertainment (stage, movies and TV, theme parks) | Residential

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving college credit. Generally, three hours of general elective credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.

Want more information on the various Internships offered?
<http://www.summerinternships.com/internships/interior-design/>

LOCAL BUSINESSES HIRING INTERIOR DESIGN MAJORS

CJ Brownhouse, LLC

Harmony Interiors, Inc.

Repri, LLC

Sluder Furniture Company, Inc.

Designers Choice, Inc.

Interior Enhancements, Inc.

Southpark Interiors, LLC

Francie Hargrove Interior Design, LLC

Nelson & Associates Interior Design and

Space Planning, Inc.

WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?

Artistic Ability | Creativity | Interpersonal Skills | Problem Solving Skills | Organization | Teamwork | Visualization

KNOWLEDGE

- Apply the laws, codes, regulations, standards and practices that protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.
- Demonstrate the ability to analytically, critically and logically think about and generate spatial design.
- Understand and apply the knowledge, skills, processes and theories of interior design.
- Demonstrate and understand the ability to communicate about the discipline

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

- American Society for Interior Designers: <http://www.asid.org/>
- International Interior Design Association: <http://www.iida.org/>
- Interior Design Society: <http://www.interiordesignsociety.org/>
- National Kitchen and Bath Association: <http://www.nkba.org/>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES

- Want more Information: <https://collegegrad.com/careers/interior-designers>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes271025.htm>
- WCU Interior Design Program : <http://www.wcu.edu/academics/departments-schools-colleges/FPA/schools-departments-and-centers/artdesign/art-and-design-academic-programs/ides/>

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