

# Bachelor of Science in Interior Design

## SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

### PROGRAM SUMMARY

A four-year program of studies, interdisciplinary with architecture, on the design of interior environments. Following the two-year Basic Studies sequence, the student completes two years of Major Studies, an intensive series of courses and studios on the theory, history, skill, and practice of interior design.

The program leads to the professional degree in interior design, accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA, formerly FIDER) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

For more information, please email us at [arch.advising@uta.edu](mailto:arch.advising@uta.edu).

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Undergraduate admission into the School of Architecture is **FALL semester** only.

Students must apply through the Office of Admissions and list Interior Design as their major of choice. There is not a separate admission process into the School of Architecture. Students must meet the University's admissions requirements.

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS:

- **Apply for Admissions to University**
  - The first step is to apply for admissions to the University and list Interior Design as your major of choice.
  - <http://www.uta.edu/uta/admissions.php>
- **Orientation**
  - <http://www.uta.edu/orientation/>



### COHORT INFORMATION

This 127 credit hours undergraduate program in the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Arlington is organized in a structured cohort format.

#### What Is a Cohort?

A cohort is a group of students that follows the same set schedule and progresses through a program together.

The sequential scheduling of the courses promotes an interactive learning environment and facilitates networking opportunities and career-strengthening relationships.

#### How Does It Work?

The program consists of a sequence of courses that takes a minimum of eight semesters to complete.

The courses are offered in specific semesters (Fall and Spring) that require the students to complete the prior level before proceeding to the next level. If a student gets off-track in the cohort, she/he must wait until the missing course(s) are offered again.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to our program sequencing, our undergraduate programs cannot be completed in less than 8 semesters (4 years), **even for transfer students**.



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### COURSE SEQUENCE – INTERIOR DESIGN

#### First Year

First Semester (Fall):

**ARCH 1301**-Introduction to Architecture and Interior Design\_

**ARCH 1341**-Design Communications I

**ENGL 1301**- Rhetoric and Composition I

**INTD 1101**-Academic Success Skills in Interior Design

**MATH 1303**-Trigonometry

**POLS 2312**- State & Local Government

**Total Credit Hours: 16 hrs.**

Second Semester (Spring):

**ARCH 1342**-Design Communications II

**ENGL 1302**- Rhetoric and Composition II

**HIST 1311**-U.S.History I

**MATH 1327**-Architectural Calculus w/Analytic Geometry

**POLS 2311**- Government of the United States

**Total Credit Hours: 15 hrs.**

#### Second Year

First Semester (Fall):

**ARCH 2303**-History of Architecture and Design I

**ARCH 2551**-Basic Design + Draw I

**HIST 1312**-U.S.History II

**PHYS 1301**- Physics for Non-Specialists I

[Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective](#) -3hrs.

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

Second Semester (Spring):

**ARCH 2304**-History of Architecture and Design II

**INTD 2552**-Basic Design + Draw II

**PHYS 1302**- Physics for Non-Specialists II

[Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective](#) -3 hrs.

**Literature Elective** – 3hrs..

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

#### Third Year

First Semester (Fall):

**INTD 3305**- History of Interior Design

**INTD 3321**- Interior Materials I

**INTD 3343**- Design Communications III

**INTD 3553**- Design Studio: Interiors I

**Total Credit Hours: 14 hrs.**

Second Semester (Spring):

**INTD 3322**- Interior Materials II

**INTD 3323**- Lighting

**INTD 3357**- Building Information Modeling

**INTD 3555**- Design Studio: Interiors II

**Art History**-3 hrs

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

#### Fourth Year

First Semester (Fall):

**INTD 4332**- Professional Practice

**INTD 4345**- Architectural Graphics

**INTD 4368**- Interior Detailing

**INTD 4393**- Internship (*or INTD 4395-approved advanced elective*)

**INTD 4562**- Design Studio

**Total Credit Hours: 17 hrs.**

Second Semester (Spring):

**INTD 4344**- Design Communications IV

**INTD 4369**- Furniture Design

**INTD 4394**- Design Research Methods and Application

**INTD 4563**- Design Studio

**Total Credit Hours: 14 hrs.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What does an Interior Designer do?

Interior Designers make interior spaces that are functional, safe, and beautiful for their users.

### Why study Interior Design at The University of Texas at Arlington?

In 2012, only four universities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area offer an accredited degree program in Interior Design. **UT Arlington is the only local university to offer a four year professional degree, the Bachelor of Science in Interior Design, within a School of Architecture.**

### What is the benefit in graduating from an accredited program of Interior Design?

The UT Arlington Program of Interior Design is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. An accredited school undergoes periodic reviews by outside faculty and professionals to ensure that its educational programs are taught by qualified faculty, housed in appropriate facilities, and offer the student a degree that is consistent with the professional standards of the Interior Design industry. An accredited degree is an assurance to future employers that a potential employee has been appropriately trained for the demands of the profession.

### How does an Interior Designer differ from an Interior Decorator?

The **Registered Interior Designer** is a **professional** licensed by the State to provide interior design services. An interior designer performs all the services of an interior decorator but in addition possesses a tested knowledge of interior building issues & building systems that affect the health, safety, and welfare of the building users.

An interior decorator selects finishes, furniture, and accessories, for commercial or residential clients. Interior decorators are not required to have any specific educational requirements to perform their work. As a result, they may be less skilled in planning and shaping space, and less knowledgeable about construction methodology and technical aspects of creating interior environments.