



What Can I Do With a Major in... Interior Design

What is Interior Design...

Interior design is all about how we experience spaces. It's a powerful, essential part of our daily lives and affects how we live, work, play, and even heal. Comfortable homes, functional workplaces, beautiful public spaces—that's interior design at work.

The best interior designers make it look easy, crafting spaces that anticipate our needs and appeal to our emotions, but in reality a broad set of skills and technical knowledge is required. Interior design has changed dramatically since the early 20th century when it was just beginning to emerge as a profession.

Today, interior designers work with contractors, architects, engineers, craftsmen, furniture dealers, and business and home owners. To become a successful interior designer, you need a well-rounded education and the skills to work within many disciplines (architecture; graphic design; decorative arts; and textile, furniture, and lighting design). Interior designers are expected to have working knowledge of:

- Textiles, materials, color, space planning, sustainability, and more
- Structural requirements, health and safety issues, and building codes

Potential Employers:

- ❖ Private interior design firms
- ❖ Furniture Stores
- ❖ Tile shops
- ❖ Residential Design Services
- ❖ Hotels
- ❖ Real-Estate companies
- ❖ Zillow

Skills I've learned in this major:

- ❖ Knowledge of furniture design trends in interior furnishings
- ❖ Ability to select appropriate interior furnishings and products
- ❖ Knowledge of elements and principles of design
- ❖ Ability to properly plan interior spaces
- ❖ Ability to access the needs of clients, as well as their goals

Additional Information can be found at:

- www.assist.org
- www.salary.com
- www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html
- www.cacareerzone.org
- www.lamission.edu/careercenter

Possible Job Titles:

- ❖ Interior Design Assistant
- ❖ Art Consultant
- ❖ Interior Architect
- ❖ Space Planner
- ❖ Store Planner
- ❖ Design Project Manager
- ❖ Sales

CSU/UC Related Transfer majors (BA/BS):

- ❖ **CSUN:** Family and Consumer Sciences B.S. Interior Design Option
- ❖ **CSU Long Beach:** Interior Design BFA
- ❖ **SDSU:** Art B.A. with Emphasis in Interior Design
- ❖ ... and more!

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