ABOUT MISSION COLLEGE

Mission College, a fully accredited institution, is a member of the Los Angeles Community College District. Located in Sylmar, Mission College proudly serves an enrollment of more than 8,000 students. Since its founding in 1975, more than 100,000 students have pursued their academic and career goals at our campus. Many have gone on to four-year universities and graduate schools, where they have earned bachelor’s degrees or higher.

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Los Angeles Mission College
Interior Design
Degree, Certificates and Skill Awards
Creating beauty

If you’ve ever re-arranged the furniture in your den, changed the lighting in your bedroom, or perhaps worked with a contractor to remodel your home, you’ve been practicing interior design. There’s a little of that creativity in all of us! So, why not learn to do it professionally?

Designers get paid to do what they love – be creative. An interior designer works with the client to understand and meet that client’s needs. The results are designs that may include furnishing, backgrounds, wall and window treatments, flooring and ceilings, art and other accessories that are beautiful, yet functional.

Career opportunities

Completion of the degree or certificate programs in Interior Design can lead to many different jobs and careers, ranging from home decorating consultant to showroom consultant to staff designer for an architectural firm. Here’s a sample of some of the options that may be available to you:

- Interior Designer/Decorator
- Set Designer
- Curator/Museum
- Illustrator/Renderer
- Flooring Specialist
- Kitchen and Bath Designer
- Home Accessory Advisor
- Textile/Color Designer
- Interior Photographer
- Space Planner
- Furniture Designer
- Showroom Salesperson
- Manufacturer’s Representative
- Window Treatment Specialist
- Historical Furniture Specialist

Degree, Certificate and Skill Award

Los Angeles Mission College offers a degree-granting program in Interior Design. Classes are taught by working professionals qualified by education and experience.

How far you take your education in Interior Design depends on you and your schedule. Los Angeles Mission College offers you many choices:

Degree Program (60 units)

This path is designed for students who want to earn an Associate degree in Interior Design, and/or eventually transfer to a four-year university.

Certificate Program (29-33 units)

This path works well for those who have limited time to devote to school and who want to pursue an immediate career goal in a particular aspect of Interior Design. The certificate path helps you qualify for state-mandated certification leading to a number of career choices in Interior Design.

Skill Award (8-10 units)

This path is designed for students who wish to concentrate on a specific area of Interior Design. Skill awards are given in interior design; space planning design; and technology and interior design.

Note: Many credits earned in the skill award and certificate programs apply toward the curriculum leading to an Associate degree and can be applied for transfer to a four-year college or university.

Ask about our internships

Students enrolled in the degree or certificate programs are given an opportunity to serve an internship with a design firm or a gallery. The two-unit internship provides students with valuable experience while they’re still in school and an opportunity to explore current design trends.

What you’ll learn in the program

You’ll learn to coordinate color, furniture and fabric; how to design window treatments; about the use of lighting as an accessory; and the specifics of fabrics. Most importantly, you’ll learn how these various components work together in a design plan.

The program is designed for those hoping to start a new career, or for individuals seeking personal enrichment – those of you who want to give your homes or businesses that “designer” look. The program is equally suited for the professional who wants to develop new skills in Interior Design.

A sample of the subjects covered in the program

- Space Planning
- Portfolio Presentation
- Color Theory
- Window Treatments
- Kitchen and Bath Design
- History of Furniture

The Interior Design program at Mission College is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers Student Chapters, a highly respected professional organization for interior design students. ASID is one of the nation’s most prestigious member organizations for interior design professionals.

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