

Interior Design, BSD

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Are you fascinated by the contexts and spaces in which individuals and groups live and work? Do you want opportunities to work with communities? Then come study interior design with us, and you can become a transformative thinker who works to enhance human experiences and the public good.

Program description

The BSD program in interior design at The Design School explores how people inhabit, interact with, and transform interior environments. Interior designers create environments within buildings that meet the physical and psychological needs of individuals and institutions, providing a useful, rich and rewarding environment for users. Interior design involves the design of space, equipment and furniture, and requires substantial technical and organizational understanding; sensibility to form, lighting, color and texture; and an awareness of design history and theory.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 170 - Precalculus
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute or one of its programs must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Transform an original interior design concept into a project that demonstrates creative, technical, & communication skills.

- Perform professional-level tasks during their internship, including drafting, collaboration, and technical proficiency appropriate for design practice, as identified by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.
- Distinguish the basic context and framework of history as it relates to 1) interior design and 2) furniture, decorative arts, and material culture, 3) architecture, and 4) art.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Interior design students have the chance to see many different design styles across cultures when studying abroad. With more than 300 [Global Education program opportunities](#) available to them, interior design students are able to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, students build communication skills, learn to adapt and persevere, and are exposed to research and internships across the world, increasing their professional network.

Career opportunities

Graduates find employment opportunities with interior design firms, architecture firms or corporations, and governmental entities of any size. Firms may specialize in interior design for residential, commercial, retail, hospitality, institutional and health care spaces. Career specialties include historic restoration, branding, sustainability, new product innovation and incorporation of new technology.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Architecture Professor</u>	3.8%	\$93,220
<u>CAD Operator (Computer Aided Design Operator)</u>	0.9%	\$64,240
<u>Drafting Technician</u>	0.6%	\$59,820
<u>Engineering Manager</u>	4.1%	\$159,920
<u>Graphic Designer</u>	3.3%	\$57,990
<u>Industrial Designer</u>	2.0%	\$75,910
<u>Interior Designer</u>	3.9%	\$61,590
<u>Mechanical Drafter</u>		\$61,310
<u>TV/Movie Set Designer</u> 🌟	7.3%	\$59,990

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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