

# Interior Design, MSD

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ASU is not currently accepting applications for this program.

Do you have a passion for understanding how people relate to space? Do you have prior design training? Prepare for more specialized career fields or a career in academia through this research-based design program.

## Program description

### **Degree awarded: MSD Design (Interior Design)**

The MSD program in interior design at The Design School is a research program that enables students to deeply investigate how people use and interact with various interior environments. It can be completed in as little as two years.

The program encourages the exploration of creativity, innovation and critical thinking while acknowledging the importance of cultural and historical precedent. This program helps students develop an understanding of contemporary interior design issues through acquisition of specialized research and design skills.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

## Degree requirements

36 credit hours and a thesis, or

36 credit hours including the required applied project course (DSC 593)

Students may choose to complete their graduate work by way of a thesis or an applied project. The thesis is a scholarly endeavor that demonstrates the ability of the author to do supervised research and intellectual writing. The applied project includes a project and a written document. Through this scholarly endeavor, the designer both demonstrates the ability to do supervised research and presents substantial evidence of their ability to creatively apply research to a design situation.

## Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in graphic design, industrial design, interior design or a related design discipline from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or they must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. portfolio
4. letter of intent
5. resume
6. contact information for two references
7. proof of English proficiency

### Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide [proof of English proficiency](#) through either the TOEFL or the IELTS, regardless of their current residency. The minimum score for admission to the program is 80 on the TOEFL iBT® taken in a testing center, or an overall band score of 6.5 on the IELTS.

When applying for admission, applicants must declare one of the MSD concentrations (such as this concentration in interior design).

The portfolio, letter of intent, resume and contact information for two references must be submitted via SlideRoom (<https://asudesign.slideroom.com>). The Design School requires that these be submitted in addition to the materials required for the graduate application.

GRE scores are not required.

Admission to the program is selective. Admission cannot be deferred. Students must enroll in the semester for which they are admitted; otherwise, they need to go through the entire application process again for the year for which they are applying.

A personal interview is not required; however, a candidate wishing to visit the school is welcome and should make arrangements by contacting the department.

## 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.

## Application deadlines

Fall

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## 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:

- Engage in scholarly field inquiry involving the language and research of interior design.
- Disseminate the results of their research in a public forum.
- Compose a research proposal that embodies methodologies suitable to the research questions identified.

## Career opportunities

Graduates from this program can expect to go into interior design research or higher education instruction; the program is also good preparation for entry into doctoral programs.

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