Interior Design, MSD

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

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MSD Design (Interior Design)
The MSD in interior design is a research program that allows students to deeply investigate how people use and interact with various interior environments, and 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 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. A master's degree 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 and is a scholarly endeavor that demonstrates the ability of the designer to do supervised research and present substantial evidence of the 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 applicants 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 of 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 current residency. The minimum score for admission to the program is 80 (internet-based) or 550 (paper-based) on the TOEFL or an overall band score of 6.5 on the IELTS.

Other information for international applicants can be found at [https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency](https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency).

When applying for admission, applicants must declare one of the concentrations.

The portfolio, letter of intent, resume and contact information of two references must be submitted via Slideroom ([https://asudesign.slideroom.com](https://asudesign.slideroom.com)). The Design School requires that these be submitted in addition to the graduate application requirements.

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 in 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.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

**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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