

Interior Architecture, MIA

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If you want to create useful, beautiful and stimulating interior environments, then this is the program for you. You can get a cross-disciplinary and practical educational experience in design processes and theories along with opportunities to work on significant design problems with resident faculty and local professionals.

Program description

Degree awarded: MIA Interior Architecture

The MIA program in The Design School is a studio-based degree program that provides a focused experience for students with an undergraduate degree in interior design or architecture. For students without this background, an additional three semesters of study are available.

Focusing on the development of groundbreaking design solutions to contemporary and emergent societal issues such as sustainability and community engagement, this program draws upon history, theory and criticism to inform a collaborative, evidence-based approach to the design of interior environments. This provides a foundation of transdisciplinary learning to assist in the understanding of integrated practice.

The Master of Interior Architecture degree is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.

At a glance

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

Degree requirements

56 credit hours including the required capstone course (INT 622)

Core (39 credit hours)

INT 519 Designing with Materials (3)
INT 520 Professional Practice for Interior Architecture (2)
INT 521 Advanced Interior Architecture Studio I (5)
INT 522 Advanced Interior Architecture Studio II (5)
INT 527 Contemporary Design Theory (3)
INT 529 Design Criticism (3)
INT 541 Codes and Building Regulations (1)
INT 547 Sustainability in Interior Architecture (3)
INT 550 Environmental Systems of Interior Architecture (3)
INT 554 Construction Documents for Interior Architecture (3)
INT 558 Lighting Design (3)
INT 621 Advanced Interior Architecture Studio III (5)

Elective (3 credits)

Design Professional Elective (3)

Other Requirements (9 credits)

DSC 598: Principles of Collaboration in Design (3)
INT 650 Diversity and Design (3)
INT 584: Internship (3) or Professional Design Elective (3)

Culminating Experience (5 credits)

INT 622 Advanced Interior Architecture Studio IV (5)

Additional Curriculum Information

For other requirements, students will take three credit hours each of DSC 598: Principles of Collaboration in Design (3) and INT 598: Diversity and Design (3). Students will complete the three remaining credit hours in the other requirements section by enrolling in an internship through INT 584: Internship, or selecting a professional design elective. Electives should be selected in consultation with the program advisor.

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 from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (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. a portfolio, letter of intent and contact information of two references submitted via SlideRoom (<https://asudesign.slideroom.com/#/Login>)
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of [English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency.

The Design School requires that the portfolio, letter of intent and reference information be submitted in addition to the Graduate College application requirements.

Admission to the program is selective. Admission cannot be deferred, and 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.

Applicants may be admitted to the two-year program with deficiencies if their previous coursework is not equivalent to the ASU undergraduate requirements and standards. Deficiencies must be completed prior to taking the required courses, if necessary. Student should keep in mind that this may cause the student to take longer than two years to complete the program.

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

Admission Requirements for the Two-year Program:

All applicants must have completed a minimum of a bachelor's degree or equivalent in interior design or interior architecture from a Council for Interior Design Accreditation-accredited program or a four-year degree in architecture from a National Architectural Accrediting Board-accredited program.

Admission Requirements for the Three-plus-year Program:

All applicants must have completed a minimum of a bachelor's degree or equivalent in a field other than interior design, interior architecture or architecture.

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:

- 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.
- Synthesize iterative ideas and design concepts into plans for built works to meet professional standards and The Design School Design Imperatives (History, Context, Program, Technology, Construction, Representation).
- Create collaborative relationships that support dynamic co-creation in design learning and constructive outcomes in design creation.

Career opportunities

The Master of Interior Architecture is a studio-based, professional degree program that prepares graduates to fill leadership positions in interior architecture, interior design practice and education.

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.

Completion of the degree qualifies a graduate to seek work experience as an interior designer and then sit for the National Council of Interior Design Qualification examination.

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