Interior Design

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NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. or B.S.

Curriculum Guide

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
NAVIGATE COURSEWORK	Start Pre-Interior Design coursework designed to introduce you to the major and establish fundamental competencies in the field of interior design. Purchase a laptop computer. Complete First Year Review Application	Developing a foundation for programming and space planning, you will begin working in computer aided design (CAD). Identify minor and begin course work to prepare for the demands	Focus on a series of integrated studio experiences with courses to include history, professional practice, and building information modeling. You will also be preparing for the internship experience.	The studio experience concludes with a capstone project. This team project focuses on a residential or commercial design and requires you to be exposed to several different levels of complexity and project goals.
DEVELOP SKILLS THROUGH EXPERIENCE	Explore careers associated with interior design. Identify key skills needed for interior design. Join the NDSU Student ASID Chapter to learn more about the profession.	Consider an on or off campus job to expand experience. Job shadow a professional interior designer. Explore free TLMC courses and services that provide training on software to enhance your skills.	Learn professional etiquette and how to write a proper resume, cover letter, and thank you note. Prepare for additional credentialing: IDFX, EDAC, LEED, WELL.	Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess experiences you are lacking and fill in gaps with credentialing exams, organizations, and/or an additional internship experience.
SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS	Consider volunteering with a community organization such as Habitat for Humanity to help develop building construction skills or groups that work with vulnerable populations to increase sensitivity.	Begin networking with professionals in field by joining local NDID organization. Attend regional ASID, IIDA, and related design events to connect with future employers and learn about the profession.	Do some targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest or job shadowing. Seek out leadership position in the ASID organization or other campus clubs .Prepare for Career Fairs (practice interview & networking events).	Connect with people who can help you materialize post-graduation plan. Debrief with ID Faculty advisors. Apply for the IDFX exam.
UNDERSTAND BROADER PERSPECTIVES	Explore self, including personality, strengths, interests, and skills through GE course work and ADHM 160 Interior Careers course. Consider a study-abroad experience while at NDSU.	Consider if study abroad fits into your education. Meet with program coordinator to verify course transfer. If so, submit an application for an abroad opportunity. Organize student work to prepare for portfolio prep	Create a LinkedIn profile, build out LinkedIn connections, develop 10-15 second elevator pitch on who you are, conduct internship/job search, develop a list of references. Finalize digital portfolio preparations.	Pursue position types that fit your career goals and current background. Update digital portfolio, resume, and job search materials.
GO! BUILD YOUR FUTURE	Struggling with career or program decisions? Go to orientation sessions, visit with Career & Advising Center, and attend Career Fairs during the year.	You are accepted into the interior design program. Congrats! Identify career paths to consider and collect data on different interior design firms of interest.	Begin to streamline your career focus area. Research education and experience requirements for careers of interest in the Interior Design Profession.	Solidify post-graduation plan and apply for jobs, graduate school, or additional training. Get help from the Career & Advising Center and ID Faculty with job searching, resumes, letters, interviews, grad school apps

COMPLETE SUMMER FIELD EXPERIENCE

Where could I go after graduation?

While there are many different careers in interior design and several exciting and rewarding career paths that an interior designer can chose to follow, quite often an interior designer will specialize in more than one area of practice.

Account Manager
Corporate Designer
Correctional Facilities Designer
Facility Manager
Furniture Designer
Health Club/Recreation Facility Designer
Healthcare Designer
Historic Preservationist
Hospitality Designer
Interior Design Educator*
Journalism
Kitchen and Bath Designer
Lighting Designer
Liturgical Designer
Manufacturer's Representative
Medical Office Designer
Model Home Designer
Museum Designer
Purchasing
Residential Designer
Retail Designer
Sustainable Building and Green Product Designer
Universal Designer
Tenant Improvement Designer
Transportation Designer

This list is not a complete list as many new areas of practice are continuing to develop

*Some careers may require additional training

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