The Interior Design curriculum prepares students for a career in interior design and closely related industries. The program is structured using a holistic approach that integrates multiple facets of the industry and which serves to develop broad student skill and professional development. As San Francisco State University is located in close proximity to a dynamic design center and to many local showrooms, the program is able to foster experiential learning experiences through utilization of these resources in addition to our own setting.

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Family Interiors Nutrition & Apparel (FINA) Department offers a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design program that prepares students for a career in the interior design industry. Required classes include design elements and principles, history, materials and systems, contemporary design philosophies and sustainability, advanced design applications, computer applications, and portfolio development. Course work incorporates both theory and hands-on approaches to the study of interior design. The curriculum is designed to help students develop enhanced and well-developed knowledge and skills in the field of interior design. The program focuses on residential and commercial design.

Students earning a degree in Interior Design are eligible to sit for the National Council Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) exam two years after graduation if they have been employed full time in the field of interior design. Students may also sit for the IDEX California Exam immediately upon graduation.
CHANGE OF MAJOR PROCESS

The B.S. in Interior Design invites current students to submit a change of major request online by completing the following steps:

1. Go to SF State’s home page at sfsu.edu and select the Login link to log into SF State Gateway/MySFSU.
2. Log in with your SF State ID or email and SF State password.
3. Your SF State Gateway home page displays. Click the Schedule / Classes link under the Student section and click to Student Center.
4. The SF State Student Center displays. Under the other academics pull down section, select Change Major from the drop-down menu. Click the Go button.
5. The Change of Major/Minor page appears.
6. To proceed, click the Next button at page bottom.
7. A new page displays your current major and click on the change of major button.
   - Requested College - Click 38 CHSS.
   - Requested Major – Click Interior Design - B.S.
8. Click Submit Button.

You will receive a welcome email from our Department with an email address of your new major advisor. Please send an email to set up a time to develop your academic advising plan.

After this meeting, you will be added to the ID major. A confirmation of your request will be sent to your SF State email account.

AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken at community college may impact course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect you, please contact an SRC advisor.

ADDING, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER

Please be aware of all deadlines. You may add courses via your Gateway before the first day of instruction, provided there is space available. Once classes start, you will need a permission number from your instructor to add a course via Gateway.

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it being noted on your academic record must occur within the first three weeks of each semester. After this three-week period, you are no longer allowed to drop courses via your Gateway. At this point, you must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition that includes supporting documentation and an unofficial transcript. If approved, a “W” will appear on your academic record. Withdrawals that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation may be denied within the College of Health & Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes, as you are only allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal. Please also keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once after receiving a failing grade.

Lastly, it is ALWAYS the student’s responsibility to ensure that they are in the appropriate classes – always check your schedule!