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.
SUGGESTED FIRST-YEAR COURSE SEQUENCE

FALL 2018
Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning
Area A2 Written Communication
Area A1 or A3 Oral Communication or Critical Thinking
Area C2 or C3 Humanities or Literature
ID 240

SPRING 2019
Area A4 Written Communication II
Area A1 or A3 Oral Communication or Critical Thinking
Area C2 or C3 Humanities or Literature
Area D Social Sciences
ID 240 or ID 242

CHANGE OF MAJOR PROCESS
1. Fill out the Change of Major Form
2. Print and submit form to the Department Chair for signature
3. Submit Signed form to registrar’s in the Student Services Building
4. Meet with an advisor in your emphasis to prepare a graduation plan

Change of Major Dates:
Fall Term: January 1-March 1
Spring Term: August 1-October 1

All students who have been accepted to a change of major of Interior Design may start major-only classes the semester following approval of the change of major.

Once students have been approved for the change of major, they are required to meet with their major advisor at least once a semester.

AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken in community college can also impact the suggested course sequencing.

If you are not sure how this will affect your scheduling, please contact an SRC advisor.

Successfully completing the Interior Design curriculum would also mean that you have met the requirements for Area C1 in your lower division General Education requirements.

ADDING, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER

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

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it noted on your official records 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. You must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition with objective supporting documentation. If approved, a “W” will appear on your transcript. All withdrawal petitions that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation will be denied within the College of Health and Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes as you are allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal and W’s on your transcript can reflect poorly. Also keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once for a maximum of two times.

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

RESOURCES:

INTERIOR DESIGN PROGRAM
Family Interiors Nutrition & Apparel Department
BH 359 | fina@sfsu.edu | (415) 338-1219
fina.sfsu.edu

CHSS STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
HSS 254 | srcenter@sfsu.edu | (415) 405-3740
chss.sfsu.edu/src

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