STUDY INTERIOR DESIGN @ TCU

INTERIOR DESIGN

Definition
This program prepares the student for a career as a professional interior designer. It educates the student in creativity, design process, technical skills and theory in order to successfully enter the profession.

The Real World
Interior Design students are required to complete their internship during the summer between their junior and senior years. The students are assisted in their internship placement and are monitored throughout the experience. Examples of Internship sites for Interior Design students: Carter & Burgess and Gideon-Toal of Fort Worth, HKS and Leo A. Daly of Dallas, 3-D International of Houston, and Naomi Leff & Associates in New York City.

After Graduation
The TCU Interior Design program is accredited by The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). The CIDA accredited program prepares students for the opportunity to complete the necessary steps to obtain state licensing. This major is for the student planning a career as a licensed designer with interior design and/or architectural firms. As a CIDA accredited program, the state mandated apprenticeship for Interior Designers is reduced from 2 years to 1 year.

Graduate degrees are not required for most professional positions within the Interior Design Industry. However, those who aspire to work as a College Professor will need a graduate degree.

Job placement for graduates with an Interior Design major is excellent because of the required internship program. Many of our majors will stay with the organization for which they interned. Others will use the internship experience as a networking tool to obtain a position with a related company. Graduates work in both residential or commercial design firms. Additionally, many of our graduates work with lighting design firms or in wholesale.

The TCU Distinction
Interior Design Majors develop fundamental skills in the principles and elements of design, drafting, concept development and visual presentation skills. The curriculum provides study in computer aided design, lighting, building construction, business and professional practice, color, materials and finishes.

The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) has continuously accredited the curriculum since 1978.