



Interior Design Curriculum

Eight-Semester Student Schedule

Bachelor of Science degree—120 credit hours

Ball State University’s interior design program prepares students for challenging careers in a variety of design areas within the commercial or residential sectors (healthcare, hospitality, retail, corporate office, institutional, educational design, and kitchen and bath design). Our program is one of few in the nation that provides students with tangible experiences by integrating real projects into the curriculum. The curriculum focuses on global diversity, sustainability and universal design. We are committed to these areas of design and offer students access to AutoDesk, Revit Architecture, and Adobe Creative Suite—the technology used by professionals.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). For professional growth, we sponsor the student organization, Interior Design Alliance (IDA), which offers more opportunities to network with other interior design students, faculty, and professionals in the field, with occasions to attend conferences and participate in degree-related field trips. IDA is affiliated with both the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and International Interior Design Association (IIDA).

This 8-semester course of study includes courses outlined in the University Core Curriculum (UCC)—a set of classes required of all undergraduate students regardless of their academic major. Due to our high standards, at the conclusion of the student’s first year they must pass a portfolio review to continue in the interior design program.

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester

Introduction to Interior Design (IDES 100)	3
Rapid Visualization (IDES 101)	3
Basic Design 1 (IDES 116).....	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3

Total Credits 15

Spring Semester

Basic Design 2 (IDES 117).....	3
Historical & Theoretical Studies (IDES 113)	3
Design Technology 1 (IDES 120).....	3
General Elective (Choice)	3
Introduction to Art (AHS100)	3

(Portfolio review to advance into the ID program)

Total Credits 15

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

Design Technology 2 (IDES 221).....	3
Interior Design Studio 1 (IDES 222)	3
Universal Design (IDES 261).....	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3

Total Credits 15

Spring Semester

Interior Design Professional Practice (IDES 200)	3
Interior Design Materials & Finishes (IDES 215)	3
Interior Design Studio 2 (IDES 224)	3
Design Tech 3 (IDES 228)	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3

Total Credits 15



NOTE: To be admitted into the Pre-Interior Design Program, students must complete a supplemental application form. Students are placed in the Pre-Interior Design program for the first year. Approval to pursue Interior Design requires a portfolio review spring semester of their freshman year. Students are also required to complete an exit survey prior to graduation. Students may not progress through the program until they satisfy the requirements.

For more information about the supplemental admission process, please log on to bsu.edu/admissions.



SUMMER

Mandatory internship (IDES 369) occurs during a summer before the fourth year 3

(Note: students must apply for their internship online - www.bsu.edu/interiordesign)

THIRD YEAR

Fall Semester

Sustainable Materials (IDES 312).....	3
Lighting Technology 1 (IDES 314).....	3
Interior Design Studio 3 (IDES 324).....	3
Interior Construction, Building Systems & Reg. (IDES 362) ..	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3

Total Credits 15

Spring Semester

Project Management & Documentation (IDES 327)	3
Lighting Technology 2 (IDES 315).....	3
Application of Interior Systems (IDES 325)	3
Interior Design Studio 4 (IDES 334)	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3

Total Credits 15

FOURTH YEAR

Fall Semester

Capstone 1: ID Programming and Research (IDES 420)	3
Furniture Design (IDES 421)	3
Interior Design Studio 5 (IDES 424)	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3

Total Credits 15

Spring Semester

Capstone 2: Interior Design Studio 6 (IDES 484)	3
NCIDQ Certification Preparation (IDES 400)	1
General Elective (Choice)	2
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3
University Core Curriculum (Choice).....	3

Total Credits 12

University Core Curriculum (UCC)

(these courses may be taken in any order within the 4 years)

UCC Foundation Courses 15 Credit Hours Total
(Includes FIN 101 (1cr) and Physical Fitness & Wellness (2 cr))

UCC Tier 1: Domain Requirements 12 Credit Hours Total
(One from each... **Art History 100 (required)**, Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences)

UCC Tier 2: Domain Requirements 6 Credit Hours Total
(Recommended to choose one course that satisfies the Fine Arts, Design, and Humanities and Writing Emphasis Requirement for 3 cr)

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Interior Design Courses.... 82 cr
Electives..... 5 cr
Core Curriculum..... 33 cr

Total 120 cr



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For information on programs and requirements about Interior Design, contact **Karen Spangler, the Upper Division Academic Advisor for the program, email kgsangler@bsu.edu or call 765-285-5643.** For detailed course information, consult the Ball State University Undergraduate Catalog.

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