

# Interior Design

The Bachelor of Science in interior design emphasizes the relationship between artistic, behavioral, and technological factors in the creation of a responsive physical environment. Course work includes space planning, design theory, art and furniture history, health/safety/accessibility codes and standards, computer-aided design and drafting, business principles and practices, interior materials and finishes, acoustics, and lighting.

## **Skills & Knowledge Developed in this Field of Study**

In addition to learning the processes required to develop and implement spaces for living, work, and entertainment, students in the interior design program are educated in the theory and practices of the interior design profession, as well as economics, management, and consumer issues.

## **Career Options**

Graduates of the interior design program work in a variety of settings, including: architectural firms, interior design studios, showrooms, retail outlets, museums, property management and development companies, and in the facilities planning departments of corporations and educational institutions. The job titles range from space planner to facilities manager. Several own their own businesses.

## **Other Career Possibilities with a Bachelor's Degree**

Interior designers may also work in historic preservation, and as designers for furnishings manufacturers, journalists, and programmers.

## **Job Outlook**

Interior design is a highly competitive field in which employers have high expectations for the designers they hire. About one-third of designers are self employed, a much higher proportion than in most occupations.