The Interior Design program's philosophy at The University of Alabama acknowledges the need for the interior design profession to remain active in providing for the safety, convenience, and aesthetic satisfaction of users in the 21st century and beyond.

The program in Interior Design prepares students for professional careers in residential and nonresidential interior design. Career opportunities include employment with interior design studios, interior design divisions of architectural firms, retail establishments, and corporate design departments, as well as independent business ownership. The coursework prepares students to become entry-level professionals qualified to sit for the NCIDQ and become registered interior designers. The Interior Design program received a six-year accreditation from the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) in 2017. Accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) was awarded in 2018.

Course Sequencing

As well as CTD 225 Residnt Des/Graphic Comm, CTD 226 Nonresidential Design, CTD 325 Design For Special Populations, CTD 326 Design For Hospitality Interio, CTD 425 Advanced Residential Design and CTD 426 Advanced Design are not offered in summer school and must be taken in the above sequence. Studio/Lab courses are open only to interior design majors. Each student will be assigned an academic adviser who will help develop a plan of study.

The Interior Design program serves the interior design profession and its clients and users through quality instruction, research, and service. Our mission addresses student learning in the areas of social and cultural history, sustainability, professional practice, nonresidential and residential clients, and special populations. Computer application relative to design problems and the development of aesthetic skills complete the focus in order to provide for human safety, comfort, function, and convenience. Graduates of the program can expect to secure entry-level positions in a wide variety of areas with the design profession.

Types of Jobs Accepted

Recent graduates have accepted jobs with architectural firms, interior design firms, they have accepted employment with private sector corporate businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and banks, as well as public sector entities such as hospitals, schools, and government agencies. Graduates frequently have been chosen by their firms to become LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.

Jobs of Experienced Alumni

Experienced alumni designs have included the interior of a French aircraft for Dassault Aviation; the flagship retail store for New York’s Barney’s in Texas; preservationist work in New York with architect David Foster; designs for the U.S. military; and sky boxes for sports arenas. They have worked on high-end residential design in New York with Keith Irvine; in Washington, D.C., with Solis Betancort; with a design/build firm in Houston, Texas; and with architect Stephen Laney. Graduates also have become executives in the world of design materials (fabrics, carpet, furniture, and lighting). Alumni have pursued graduate education at international schools of architecture such as the Glasgow School of Art.

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center.