

What can I do with a major in...?

Interior Design

Associate in Applied Science
School of Arts & Design



Upon completion of the interior design degree and a professional internship, as well as four years work experience, the graduate is qualified to take the National Council of Interior Design Qualifications exam (NCIDQ).

A student must pass the NCIDQ exam to practice as a Licensed Interior Designer in New Mexico.

Interior designers are not the same as interior decorators. Interior decorators are involved with the finishing elements of a home or building, while interior designers work with architects, engineers, and building contractors during the construction phase of a building.

This degree is intended for immediate work entry.

Interior Design

You may begin your career as a junior designer or assistant to the designer, or entrepreneur and advance to senior designer, project manager, licensed interior designer, or partner in a firm.

Specialty Fields Within Interior Design:

Residential Interior Design (some designers may specialize in particular rooms, such as kitchens or bathrooms.)

Kitchen and bath design specialist

Lighting design

Commercial Interior Design (bachelor's degree needed for most jobs)

within commercial design one could work on offices, restaurants, banks, malls and hotels.

Within each of these specialties, you could be a:

Interior Decorator

Sales Representative

Interior Designer

Own a Design Workshop

Colorist

Wholesaler or retail: own your own store

Project Manager

Interior Design Stylist

Draftsperson

Interior Design Advertiser

Fabric Designer

Design/Architectural Firm Employee

Product Designer

Wall Paper Hanger/Faux Finisher

Related Occupations:

Industrial Designers

Merchandise Displayers and

Furniture Designers

Window Dressers

Set, Lighting and Costume Designers

Visual Artists

Fashion Designers

Landscape Architects

Textile Designers

Event Planner

Floral Designers

Architect

What skills do I need for...?

Interior Design

- Analyzing client needs
- Critical thinking
- Adhering to standards and codes
- Knowledge of fabrics
- Balancing the aesthetic with the functional
- Business savvy
- Ability to render drawings
- Coordinating activities
- Spatial relations
- Reviewing and evaluating designs
- Collaborating with other professionals
- Preparing and administering bids and contracts
- Working with details

Who do I contact at SFCC?

School of Arts & Design

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<http://online.onetcenter.org/find/>

