

at a glance



Interior Design and Interior Architecture

Department: Business and Information Technology

Degree: Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Entry time: Fall

Length: 2 years (5 semesters and internship)

Program Description

If you are passionate about improving people's lives through quality and creative design, Kirkwood's highly ranked, award-winning Interior Design and Interior Architecture program is an exciting educational opportunity for you. Experience the content and rigor of a 4-year program, in half the time and at a quarter of the cost, as you explore your creative abilities with passionate faculty who will help you reach your potential. Our graduates leave our program with established portfolios, technical and aesthetic skills, and the confidence to be hired right away.

Career Opportunities

Interior Design Firms
Architecture Firms
Facilities Planning and Design
Corporate Design and Dealerships
Healthcare, Education, and
Transportation Design
Hospitality, Retail, and Exhibit Design
Home Builders and Real Estate
Manufacturer's Sales Representatives
Sport, Stadium, and Lighting Design
Product and Textile Design

Sample Classes

Residential and Commercial
Design Studios
Architectural Sketching
Historical Interiors and Architecture
SketchUp for Interior Design
Professional Practice in Interior Design
Architectural Photoshop Techniques
Theories and Visual Application
Textiles for Interior Design
Sustainable Construction Science
Revit for Interior Design
Internship

Program Attributes

Iowa's only Interior Architecture degree. Nationally recognized with award-winning faculty and students. Follows the Council for Interior Design Accreditation standards. Program has 100% employment rate post-graduation. Starting salaries average between \$54,000 and \$74,000.

Program Trips

Opportunities for learning extend beyond the classroom. Field trips to major market cities and study abroad opportunities provide networking and industry exposure as well as cultural design and architecture experiences. Kirkwood students have studied in Italy, Australia, and Africa, and they have visited design and architecture firms in Chicago, Las Vegas, Minneapolis, and New York City.

Professional Affiliations and Credentials

Kirkwood's Interior Design program is a recognized campus center for the International Interior Design Association (IIDA). Students are highly involved in professional organization events and networking opportunities. Students will graduate with the professional LEED Green Associate credential. They also meet educational requirements to take the NCIDQ exam.

Scholarships

We award more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. Complete one application to be eligible. To apply visit www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships.

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