

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERIOR DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

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The Interior Design & Architecture program prepares students for careers in interior design and closely related industries. It is structured through a holistic approach to design development that integrates industry standards, experimental methods, and human-centered design approaches. As San Francisco State University is located in close proximity to a dynamic design center, the program is able to foster additional experiential learning through utilization of these resources in addition to our own. At the heart of this program is the goal of addressing quality of life issues through the design development of supportive interior spaces.

The program focuses on both residential and commercial interior design and includes curricula that build on rigor within the transition from foundational courses through advanced-level practicum courses. Program study includes a senior thesis culminating experience project within the final semester of study.

Students earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design & Architecture are equipped to engage in entry-level interior design practice and are eligible to sit for the IDEX California Exam immediately upon graduation.

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will exhibit technical and professional interior design graphic communication skill sets and abilities.
2. Students will plan interior design solutions considering individual and family needs including health, wellness, and lifecycle changes.
3. Students will plan interiors considering cost analysis and construction methods and approaches.
4. Students will develop design process methods that include application of theory, current methods and technologies, and understanding of diversity and global needs.
5. Students will consider sustainability and eco-sensitivity within interior design study and solutions.
6. Students will exhibit the ability to research, investigate, synthesize and apply findings to the interior design solutions.
7. Students will identify and evaluate issues of social responsibility, professional behavior, and ethics.

## Mandatory Advising

Interior Design majors must meet with their program advisor to discuss a Graduation Plan which outlines their individual course sequence. Students who wish to substitute credits earned at another institution for courses offered for the major at SF State must get approval from their major advisor and the Department Chair.

## Writing Competence

Writing skills are necessary for success in the major. ID 340GW should be taken at the beginning of the sequence of upper-division ID courses, which fulfills the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).

## Interior Design and Architecture (B.S.) – 54 units

The major includes 6 units of prerequisite work and 48 units of additional major courses. A prescribed sequence of courses must be adhered to as some classes are offered only in the fall or spring semesters. Students should check *Bulletin* descriptions for prerequisites to individual courses.

All major courses (core and elective) must be passed with a letter grade of C– or better. CR/NC is not allowed.

### Core Requirements (45 units)

Code	Title	Units
ADM 260	Textiles	3
FCS 600	Professional Development	3
ID 240	Color and Design	3
ID 242	Interior Design Graphic Communication I	3
ID 244	History of Architecture & Interior Design I (formerly ID 342)	3
ID 245	History of Architecture & Interior Design II	3
ID 340GW	Human Centered Design Principles - GWAR	3
ID 343	Advanced Human Centered Design Studio	3
ID 345	Interior Design Graphic Communication II	3
ID 440	Residential Construction Methods	3
ID 445	Professional Practices for Interior Design	3
ID 540	Material Applications & Specification	3
ID 640	Residential Interior Design & Architecture Studio	3
ID 641	Commercial Interior Design & Architecture Studio	3
ID 645	Advanced Interior Design & Architecture Studio	3

### Electives (9 units)

Select three of the following with the approval of an advisor:

Code	Title	Units
A U 220	SF State and Braven Career Accelerator	3
ADM 569	Visual Merchandising and Promotion	3
ARTH 201	Global Art History I	3
ARTH 202	Global Art History II	3
ART 210	Introduction to Digital Media Arts	3
ART 222	Introduction to Textile Art	3
ART 231	Introduction to Drawing	3
ART 260	Introduction to the Darkroom	3
DES 210	Our Manufactured World: The Life Cycle of Everyday Objects	3
DES 220	Introduction to Drawing for Designers	3
DES 221	Introduction to 3D Digital Design	3
DES 222	Digital Design Foundations I	3
DES 256	Design and Society: Contemporary Design Issues and Applications	3
DES 300	Design Process	3
ENVS 130	Environmental Studies	3
FCS 543	Sustainability in the Textile, Housing, and Food Industries	3
FCS 685	Projects in Teaching of Family, Interiors, Nutrition, & Apparel	3

FCS 699	Independent Study	1-3
GEOG 455	Justice and Belonging: Intersecting Geographies of Race and Ethnicity	3
HTM 110	Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism Management	3
HUM 375	Biography of a City: United States Cities	3
HUM 376	San Francisco	3
ID/ADM 366	Forecasting Apparel and Interior Design Trends	3
MKTG 431	Principles of Marketing	3
USP/PLSI 580	Housing Policy and Planning	3

## First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

The roadmaps presented in this Bulletin are intended as suggested plans of study and do not replace meeting with an advisor. For a more personalized roadmap, please use the [Degree Planner \(https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/\)](https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/) tool found in your [Student Center](#).

[First-Time Student Roadmap \(https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/consumer-family-studies-dietetics/bs-interior-design-architecture/roadmap/\)](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/consumer-family-studies-dietetics/bs-interior-design-architecture/roadmap/)

## General Advising Information for Transfer Students

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
2. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
  - a course in U.S. History
  - a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit <http://www.assist.org> (<http://assist.org>). Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes, options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government requirements.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is

not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division General Education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

## Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State's lower-division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet GE Areas 1A/A2, 1B/A3, 1C/A1, and 2/B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State's lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (1B/A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the 1B/A3 requirement, please visit [bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL).

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.