

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE & INTERIOR DESIGN



KEY SKILLS

- Collaboration, Inter-Professional
- Communication
- Creativity
- Design
- Organization
- Presentation
- Research
- Technical Drawing/Sketching



CONCENTRATIONS/SPECIALIZATIONS

- Commercial
 - Corporate/Workplace
 - Healthcare
 - Hotel
 - Restaurant/Bar
- Historic Conservation & Restoration
- Residential
 - Bathroom Specialty
 - Kitchen Specialty
- Sales/Consulting
- Set Design
- Sustainable/Green
- Universal Design



SAMPLE DEGREES

- Exhibition Design (MA)
- Interior Architecture (BFA, MFA)
- Interior Design (BFA)
- Preservation Design/Historic Preservation (BFA, MA, MFA, MDS)

Note: To qualify for a position as an Interior Architect, degree program should be CIDA accredited



SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- Drafting Technician
- Fabricator
- Furniture Designer
- Green Certification Associate
- Historic Preservation Specialist/Designer
- Interior Architect
- Interior Designer
- Junior Designer
- Kitchen Designer
- Landscape Architect
- Lighting Designer
- Professor
- Project Manager
- Sales Consultant (Furniture, Decor, etc)
- Showroom Manager

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INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE VS. INTERIOR DESIGN

Interior Architecture: more scientific skill that requires formal education; work with building contractors & subcontractors to design & create structural features of building including room shapes & sizes, placement of windows & doors, plumbing, heating, and other utilities

Interior Design: focused on the look and feel of a room; work with furniture, colors, and textures to enhance interior architectural features; does not require a structural degree

Note: Interior Architects are versed in Interior Design as well, with the additional structural & safety knowledge



SAMPLE STUDENT ORGS

- Art for Advocacy
- Commercial Real Estate Network
- Green GW
- GW Interior Architecture and Design Student Group
- Sigma Alpha Lambda (Leadership)



SAMPLE EMPLOYERS

- Akseizer Design Group (ADG)
- Ashli Mizell, Inc.
- Atelier MJK
- CallisonRTKL
- Clodagh Design
- Corcoran School of the Arts & Design at GWU
- Cox Graae & Spack Architects
- Crate and Barrel
- Draftsman Design Studio
- Ethan Allen Global Inc.
- FOX Architects
- Hickok Cole
- IA Interior Architects
- IKEA
- J. Lambeth
- Jacobs
- Kelley Proxmire, Inc.
- Leo A Daly
- M Design Studio
- Marymount University
- Michael Page
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- P3 Design Collective
- R. McGhee & Associates, PLLC
- Scavolini S.p.A.
- Simeone Dreary Design Group
- Smith Group
- Stantec
- Streetsense
- The American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- Tracy Morris Design, LLC
- USA Cabinet Store
- US Green Building Council
- Windle & Goodman
- Zoe Feldman Design



PROFESSIONAL ORGS

- American Society of Interior Designers
- Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)
- Interior Design Society
- International Interior Design Association
- International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers (IFI)



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