

## Is Interior Design for You?

Texas State's College of Applied Arts Academic Advising Center is a helpful resource if you are considering an interior design major or other family and consumer sciences majors. Visit the center online at [www.advising.appliedarts.txstate.edu](http://www.advising.appliedarts.txstate.edu).

## Admission to Texas State

For more information on Texas State and how to apply for admission, visit [www.txstate.edu/prospective.html](http://www.txstate.edu/prospective.html) or contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at [admissions@txstate.edu](mailto:admissions@txstate.edu) or 512.245.2364.

## Scholarships

Scholarships and awards are presented each spring to qualified students in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Recipients are selected for their accomplishments in the areas of leadership, academic performance and professional potential. The scholarships are made available through the department as a result of individual, student group and employer contributions.

Texas State offers many scholarships that are open to all majors. For more information on other Texas State scholarships, visit [www.finaid.txstate.edu](http://www.finaid.txstate.edu), or contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships office at [finaid@txstate.edu](mailto:finaid@txstate.edu) or 512.245.2315.

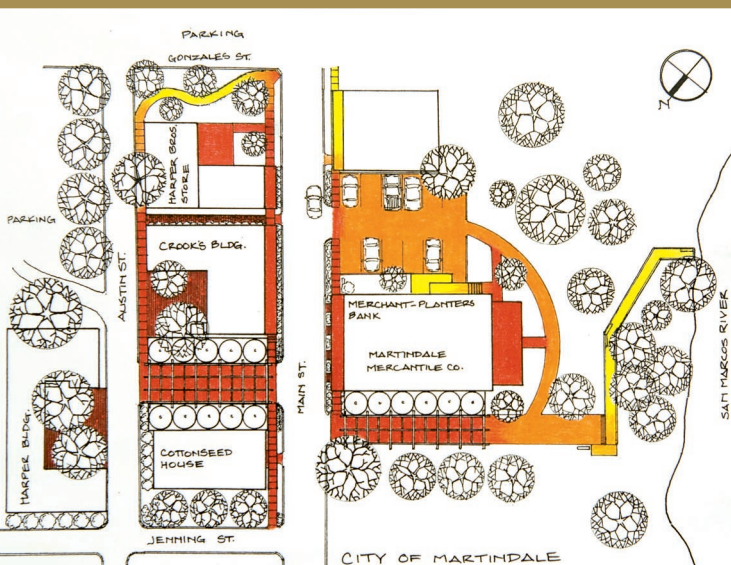
# Interior Design



## Career Opportunities

A variety of career opportunities awaits qualified interior design graduates, who often find entry-level positions in:

- commercial and retail design
- design for special populations
- design publications
- drafting/CAD
- graphics and rendering
- health care design
- hospitality and resort design
- kitchen and bath design
- manufacturer's representative
- model home interiors
- office landscape design
- remodeling
- restoration/preservation or adaptive use
- set design
- space planning
- transportation design
- universal design ADA specialist
- visual merchandising/exhibit design



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## Interior Design

Interior designers provide creative solutions that help others improve their environments. They make a difference by improving their clients' quality of life, increasing productivity and protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Professionals in the field rely on a broad range of knowledge and skills: ideation and concept development; sketching and drafting; space planning; stylistic history and design theory; materials and construction; life safety codes and business practices. They must solve design problems and clearly communicate design concepts to clients.

The interior design program at Texas State University-San Marcos can give you all the tools you need for a career as a residential or commercial interior designer. The program's accreditation from the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA, formerly FIDER), the recognized accrediting agency for interior design education, means that the program meets rigorous standards. Because of that, our graduates are highly respected and sought after.

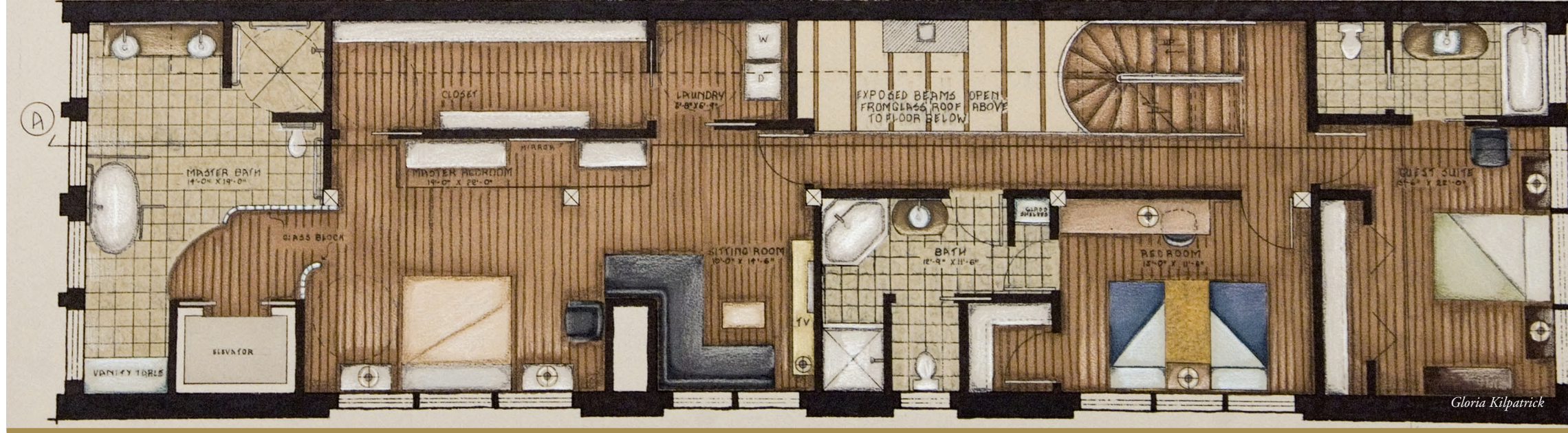
As a graduate of the program, you will be eligible to take the National Council for Interior Design Qualification examination to work as a registered interior designer in Texas and many other states.

## Degree Program

When you enter the interior design program at Texas State, you will begin as a pre-interior design major. Once you have completed the required courses while maintaining a Texas State GPA of 2.25 or higher, you will be eligible for admission to the interior design major.

Once accepted, you will take a minimum of 121 or 128 hours of course work (depending on the catalog year) to earn a bachelor of science in family and consumer science. You will also be required to complete an internship, which will provide you with valuable experience and could lead to job opportunities.

A variety of interior design internship opportunities is available at interior design firms, architectural firms, furniture stores and large companies that have an in-house



interior design staff. Texas State's Career Services office also provides opportunities for students to attend job fairs, practice interviewing sessions and receive general career planning information.

No minor is required for interior design students; however, you need only two additional upper-level courses from technology and four in art and design to obtain minors in these areas. A business minor is also beneficial for interior design professionals.

## Required Courses

As an interior design major, you will receive an interdisciplinary education ranging from liberal arts and humanities to science, technology and business. You will study the creative arts, including design theory; the history of art, architecture and interiors; and oral, written and graphic communications. Specialized courses you will take include:

- Interior Design (basic and comprehensive courses)
- Building, Life Safety and Accessibility Codes
- Commercial Interior Design
- Computer-Aided Drafting
- Drawing, Rendering and Manual Drafting
- History of Interiors and Architecture
- Housing and the Environment
- Interior Lighting Design
- Materials and Sources
- Portfolio Development
- Professional Practices

- Research/Environmental Design
- Residential Interior Design
- Special Problems in Interior Design

## Opportunities for Extracurricular Learning

The interior design program offers educational tours and trips as well as events such as career days and conferences in Houston and Dallas. As an interior design student, you will visit showrooms, manufacturers, museums and residential and commercial interiors. You'll also learn from full-time practicing designers. International tours are offered on a demand or optional basis in the Department



of Art and Design or combined with the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences' fashion merchandising program.

## Student Organizations

In addition to the campus sororities, fraternities, student organizations and honor societies open to Texas State students, as an interior design major you can become active in organizations specifically related to your field. Student chapters of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), the nation's largest and oldest professional organization for interior designers, are available.

The Texas State ASID student chapter competed with 311 student chapters across the nation to win ASID's 2007 Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year award. The student group also won back-to-back honors as the best chapter in Texas in 2006 and 2007.

ASID and IIDA hold joint monthly meetings that include guest speakers from the interior design industry. Other chapter activities include field trips, service projects and fundraisers.

Phi Upsilon Omicron is a national honor society for students in Family and Consumer Sciences. Phi U holds monthly meetings and hosts a variety of programs, business meetings, fundraising activities and volunteer work. Being invited to join Phi U is an honor for interior design students.