

Why pursue a master's degree in interior design?

- Gain deeper, specialized knowledge in a practice area, such as hospitality or healthcare design.
- Apply evidence-based design strategies and produce original research knowledge, strengthening your competitive edge in practice
- Learn how to teach and research for a career in academia, inspiring the next generation of interior designers.



DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

WELCOME TO A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS PASSIONATE ABOUT USER CENTERED DESIGN

TRENDS POINT TO ADVANCED PREPARATION

- Increasing numbers of certifications (NCIDQ, LEED, EDAC, WELL) demand specialized knowledge which can be jump started with advanced education.
- Specialty practice fields in interior design are increasingly complex and demand specialized knowledge, such as workplace, healthcare, and education areas.
- The amount of information an interior design practitioner must possess keeps growing exponentially. A graduate degree gives a student an added edge in knowledge and capability, satisfying job qualifications for highly attractive design positions.

SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE LEVERAGES EARNING POWER

- According to ASID's 2019 Interior Design Salaries and Benefits General Report, designers with master's degrees are on average commanding \$6000-\$7000 more per year than those with bachelor's degrees.
- Firms are often willing to pay sign on bonuses for additional certifications earned upon hire.

INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION

- Most designers do not initially believe they will return to teach, but then they do! Be prepared to return to a college or university as an instructor or professor.
- Giving your knowledge to the next generation of designers supports the profession's future and can extend your research in exponential ways.

PRACTICE DEMANDS HIGHER KNOWLEDGE

- Learn how to conduct research for design projects that engages your intellect and supports your firm's goals.
- Polish your credentials for promotion and stand out for your initiative through an advanced degree and specialized knowledge.
- Past FSU IAD graduate program alumni have been offered positions to continue their education (PhD studies) with costs covered by their employer.

WHY FSU FOR YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE?

The choice of a graduate program is an important one that is key in achieving your goals. FSU's longstanding success in graduate student preparation makes it a results-oriented choice for advanced learning in design practice or academic education and research. As a prominent state institution, FSU is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and provides you broad resources for graduate student work, including dedicated facilities with graduate student resident desks, lounge spaces and computer technology.

Our faculty are industry leaders with decades of experience in design practice and have served as national presidents of the Interior Design Educators Council, as contributors, reviewers and guest editors of research journals, are recipients of international and national design and drawing awards, and are certified technology educators. FSU is also a well-respected leader in preparing you for an academic teaching career, and our former students are successful tenured faculty and deans at institutions across the nation and world. FSU IAD Alumni have published interior design textbooks and have had their work published in journals including Fairchild Books, Routledge, and the Journal of Interior Design. In fact, the FSU graduate program is one of the top ten most admired interior design schools in the United States according to the DesignIntelligence 2019 rankings and a top 10 school from which polled design practitioners seek to hire employees.

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