

ABOUT A DEGREE IN INTERIOR DESIGN

Interior designers plan the space and furnish the interiors of private homes, public buildings, and commercial or institutional establishments, such as offices, restaurants, hospitals, hotels, and theaters. They work with clients and architects to find individual and architectural requirements and preferences. They help choose carpeting, wall coverings, draperies, furniture, lighting fixtures, and other furnishings.

They submit drawings and illustrations of space layouts, lighting/electrical plans, furniture plans, color schemes, material requirements, and cost estimates to the client for approval and may purchase the furnishings for the client and arrange with the subcontractors to install them in the home or building.

RELATED SKILLS

Strong technical writing ability
Ability to generate ideas and evaluate feasibility of implementation
Aptitude for accuracy and attention to details
Computer skills
Knowledge of construction
Creative/innovative/artistic
Draft/draw
Spatial visualization

HIRING INSTITUTIONS

Airlines/Auto Manufacturers
Architectural/Engineering Firms
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Home Furnishing Stores
Interior Design Firms
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Office Furniture
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Set Designer
Facilities Planner
Environmental Planner
Design Assistant
Architectural Detailer
Drafter
Product Design
Historic Preservation