Kent State University’s College of Architecture and Environmental Design offers a professional accredited program in Interior Design. The design of one's surroundings through human behavior is stressed in a program that educates interior designers to identify, research, and creatively solve problems relative to the function and quality of interior environments. Interior design graduates can become credentialed and licensed professionals who practice in the building design industry with such specializations as workplace, retail, educational, hospitality, and healthcare facility design.

The Interior Design program combines interdisciplinary resources into a unique and cohesive design-based educational experience. The interdisciplinary nature of Kent State's Interior Design program draws its strength from four well-established programs. Art, Technology, the College of Business Administration, and the Architecture program all contribute courses and faculty to advance the mission of the program. The profession-driven curriculum includes the fundamentals of interior design and advanced aptitudes and skills such as: space planning, programming of facilities, and understanding of ergonomics, the design of custom casework, furniture history and selection, an understanding of textiles for interiors, the design of lighting systems, material selection, color and finishes, layout and distribution of heating/ventilating/and air-conditioning systems, door hardware, and consideration of sustainable design practices.

Through hands-on learning experiences, including unique field travel, guest lecturers, and internship experiences provide students contact with the profession and allow the program to graduate an interior design professional with advanced knowledge, a global perspective on practice, and state-of-the-art skills. This leads to better professional interaction in the career of interior design where professionals have daily contact with architects, artists, industry representatives, and industrial designers.

The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) is a specialized agency accrediting interior design programs at universities and colleges in North America and related international programs. Its mission is to promote excellence in interior design education through research and the accreditation of academic programs. Kent State University's Interior Design program is CIDA accredited. A program may be granted a three- or six-year term of accreditation depending on its conformance with established educational standards. Kent State’s Interior Design program holds a six-year accreditation. More information concerning CIDA and its standards can be found on its website, www.accredit-id.org.
CHANGE OF MAJOR STUDENTS
All Kent State University students seeking to change majors to interior design must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 for all college coursework to qualify for admission. All requirements for interior design majors stated above must be fulfilled.

TRANSFER STUDENTS
Students from CIDA-recognized interior design programs may be admitted directly into interior design if they present an approved portfolio and an overall GPA of 2.50. All requirements for the program must be met by transfer students from other CIDA-accredited programs. Students from programs not recognized by CIDA must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 for all college coursework. Transfer students will be placed as first-year interior design students, and courses that will be required to fulfill the minimum requirements for admission to the interior design major will be prescribed through advising at the time of admission.

POST-BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS
Post-baccalaureate students seeking a second baccalaureate degree will be evaluated for requirements on an individual basis and must have an overall GPA of 2.50 in all previous college-level work. Application for admission to the program by the procedures described above may be made at any time.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Both the American Society of Interior Designers and the International Interior Design Association provide professional and leadership experiences for students by recognizing excellence in scholarship and through the encouragement of student interaction.

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