

# INTERIOR DESIGN

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The Interior Design program at Pratt Institute prepares students to engage in critical inquiry through theoretical and applied research, establishing them as innovators and leaders in the field of interior design. The curriculum addresses emerging and innovative technologies and sustainable practices, interdisciplinary collaboration, sustainable practices, and issues of ethical and social responsibility in a diverse and global context. Seeing the possibility of design as an agent of change, Interior Design at Pratt expands the potential of professional practice, design education, and our understanding of the built environment.

Interior Design BFA

Our CIDA accredited BFA in Interior Design is located in the ultimate learning environment of New York City—the interior design capital of the United States.

Consistently identified at the forefront of Interior Design education, our undergraduate program prepares students to become leaders in the discipline by setting high standards for critical thinking, professional aptitude, social and ethical responsibility, exemplary expression of skills and abilities, enhancing and transforming the human environment.

As one of the first interior design programs in the country, we continue to be a leading innovator presenting an inspiring and challenging course of study in an expanding and dynamic discipline. Our alumni have made significant contributions to the quality and character of the built environment, and we are confident that tomorrow's graduates will continue to make a positive impact on our culture and sense of place.

Our BFA Interior Design is a spatially oriented program with explorations that bridge the interior with the exterior, often in an urban context. All aspects of the interior are studied in relation to their effects on the human spirit and experience. After a required year of Foundation studies, students begin the study of interior design in their sophomore year, in a stimulating studio setting that encourages a dynamic and supportive atmosphere for learning.

The curriculum begins with understanding the fundamentals of space, scale, proportion, and configuration in relation to the human body. The complexities of design are explored and taught through coursework in materials, color, and light, as well as architectural drawing, computer graphics, building construction, environmental concerns, sustainability, and professional practices. Students work closely with their professor on projects that develop in size and complexity through the six semesters of design studio and supporting coursework.

Interior Design students are encouraged to take advantage of the many courses available to them across the Institute, to enable them to fully develop their interests and talents. The senior year of the BFA culminates with a thesis project wherein students develop a body of critical research on a particular interior issue during the fall semester, that is more fully developed into a comprehensive design proposal in the spring semester.

The BFA curriculum is designed to enhance the student experience through a balance of intellectual exploration and the development of skills and practical experience needed to become successful professionals and leaders in the field. Students are introduced to the profession through professional practice coursework and internships that serve to prepare students for certification. Taught by practitioners and academics of the highest caliber who actively contribute to the discipline and the practice, our students are part of a professional network from the

moment they begin study in the program. Throughout their studies they create important relationships in the profession and become part of the larger Pratt alumni network when they graduate.

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