Pratt Institute's BFA in Interior Design is located within the ultimate learning environment of New York City—the interior design capital of the United States. Over the last decade, DesignIntelligence has consistently ranked our undergraduate and graduate programs in the top three in the country. As one of the most prominent undergraduate programs in the country, we inspire our students to become leaders by setting high standards for critical thinking, exemplary expression, professional aptitude, and responsible action in enhancing and transforming the human environment. Pratt’s Interior Design program was one of the first in the country and we continue to be a leading innovator in the discipline by 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 our built environment, and it is certain that tomorrow’s graduates will continue to make a sustainable impact on our culture and sense of place.

Our Interior Design program is an architecturally oriented program with emphasis on various spatial explorations that bridge the exterior with the interior, in a largely urban context. All aspects of the interior designed environment are studied in relation to their effects on the human spirit and experience. After a required year of Foundation studies, students begin their work in interior design in the sophomore year in a stimulating studio setting that encourages a nurturing, competitive, and cooperative atmosphere. Our curriculum begins with the fundamentals of space, scale, proportion, and configuration with relation to the human body. The complexities of design are explored and taught through building an understanding of coursework in materials, color, and light, as well as architectural drawing, computer graphics, building construction, environmental qualities, 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. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the many courses available to them across Pratt’s campus to enable them to fully develop their interests and talents. The senior year culminates with a thesis project where students develop a body of critical research on a particular interior issue in the fall semester, that is then developed into a design project in the spring semester. The BFA course of study 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 integrated into the professional world through professional practice coursework and internships that serve to prepare students for certification. Pratt students create important relationships in school and become part of the larger alumni network when they graduate.

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