

# Interior Design: Bachelor of Interior Design

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<b>Interior Design</b>	kpu.ca/design/interior_design
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<b>Start Date(s)</b>	September
<b>Admission Type</b>	Selective entry
<b>Enrolment Type</b>	Limited enrolment
<b>Program Type</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Credential Granted</b>	Baccalaureate Degree
<b>Offered At</b>	Richmond
<b>Format</b>	Full-time
<b>How to Apply</b>	www.kpu.ca/admission

## DESCRIPTION

The Interior Design Program provides four years of full-time study (September – April), to students wishing to pursue a professional career in interior design and related environments.

The Program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) at the first professional degree level. CIDA is an international agency whose mission is to "lead the interior design profession to excellence by setting standards and accrediting academic programs."

The program works closely with the professional design community and responds to the needs and advice of that community through the following aims:

- Provide an education that includes all facets of interior design with emphasis on experience and skills in theory, research, critical analysis, problem-solving, design concepts, working drawings and specifications, technology, presentation media techniques, professional business practices and procedures, and awareness of human needs in interior design and related environments
- Prepare students for work in interior design and/or architectural offices
- Provide a practical and theoretical knowledge base that conforms to the definition and practice of interior design as described by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) and as endorsed in the North American definition of an Interior Designer
- Provide education in developing career readiness

The mission of the program is "educating leaders for the profession of interior design". For more information you may view our department web site at: [kpu.ca/design/interior\\_design](http://kpu.ca/design/interior_design).

Interior Design information sessions are scheduled once in the Fall and once in the Spring semesters to answer questions from prospective students and to allow applicants to view entry portfolios of current students. These sessions have been of great benefit to those people interested in entering the program. Please visit [www.kpu.ca/events](http://www.kpu.ca/events) to confirm dates, times and location.

The Interior Design Department regularly upgrades its program to meet the ever changing needs of the industry.

The interior design program simulates a professional design environment. This "virtual design studio" offers integrated courses and curriculum, and emphasizes learning outcomes and essential skills throughout. These include: leadership skills, problem solving and creative thinking skills, teamwork, personal management, writing/oral/visual and interpersonal skills, reading and research skills, visual literacy, mathematical and technological skills, citizenship, and an ability to view issues through a global perspective.

The interior design curriculum is organized into streams which are integrated within each year and over the four years of the program. Although the program is comprised of individual courses, it may be described as a studio project, supported and surrounded by the necessary theory, practical experience and skills development. See [kpu.ca/design/interior\\_design/courses](http://kpu.ca/design/interior_design/courses).

## PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to KPU's General university admission requirements, including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

- English 12 with a minimum B (or equivalent)
- Portfolio Review and Interview Session\*

\* *Successful applicants will receive an invitation to the required Portfolio Review and Interview session.*

Admission decisions to this program are based on interim grades therefore proof of grades must be submitted in accordance with the following deadlines:

- **Applicants currently in high school** must submit interim grades no later than March 31st with proof of final grades required as soon as they become available (no later than August 15th).
- **Applicants currently taking English preparatory courses** must submit interim grades by March 31st with proof of final grades required by April 30th.
- **Applicants currently attending another post-secondary institution** must submit a final official transcript and a Request for Transfer Credit form by March 31st.
- **For all other applicants**, proof of having met the program's English proficiency requirement must be provided by March 31st.

Any applicant who has not submitted proof of grades by the specified dates will be removed from the list of eligible applicants.

## Portfolio Review and Interview

Faculty will review the eligibility of candidates based on the contents of the portfolio and results of an interview (including prior learning assessments).

For detailed information about Interior Design as well as the interview and portfolio review process visit the department's website at [kpu.ca/design/interior\\_design/portfolio](http://kpu.ca/design/interior_design/portfolio).

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

**Effective September 2013, students admitted to the Interior Design program in Fall of 2012 must complete Years 2 through 4 requirements as noted below.**

The Interior Design program requires the completion of 128 credits of coursework. Students may take their general education and non-discipline specific courses prior to entering the program

and/or during the summer semester in order to lighten their workload during the term. Many general education courses are offered during the summer semester.

Please note, prerequisites for most Studio courses require a minimum grade of C+.

## Year 1

### SEMESTER 1

#### All of:

IDSN 1113	Studio 1	4 credits
IDSN 1121	Materials	3 credits
IDSN 1135	Design Awareness 1	3 credits
IDSN 1141	Technical Drawing 1	3 credits
	Approved elective (see Electives below)	3 credits

### SEMESTER 2

#### All of:

IDSN 1202	Studio 2	4 credits
IDSN 1221	Components	3 credits
IDSN 1235	Design Awareness 2	3 credits
IDSN 1241	Technical Representation 2	3 credits
ENGL 1100*	Introduction to University Writing	3 credits

\* **Note:** Completion of ENGL 1100 (or an approved writing intensive course at the 1100 level or higher) is required before entering Year 2.

## Year 2

### SEMESTER 3

#### All of:

IDSN 2300	Studio 3	4 credits
IDSN 2325	Building Systems 1	3 credits
IDSN 2331	Design Theories 1	3 credits
IDSN 2345	Drawing and Rendering 1	3 credits
IDSN 2375	Environmental Human Factors	3 credits

### SEMESTER 4

#### All of:

IDSN 2400	Studio 4	4 credits
IDSN 2425	Building Systems 2	3 credits
IDSN 2431	Design Theories 2	3 credits
IDSN 2445	Drawing and Rendering 2	3 credits
	Approved elective (see Electives below)	3 credits

## Year 3

### SEMESTER 5

#### All of:

IDSN 3500	Studio 5	4 credits
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IDSN 3525	Building Systems 3	3 credits
IDSN 3531	Design Theories 3	3 credits
	Approved elective (see Electives below)	3 credits
	Approved elective (see Electives below)	3 credits

### SEMESTER 6

#### All of:

IDSN 3600	Studio 6	4 credits
IDSN 3625	Contract Documentation	3 credits
IDSN 3635	Design Theories 4	3 credits
IDSN 3692	Major Field Studies	2 credits
	Approved elective (see Electives below)	3 credits

## Year 4

### SEMESTER 7

#### All of:

IDSN 4001	Senior Studio 1	4 credits
IDSN 4720	Advanced Design Studies 1	3 credits
IDSN 4785	Professional Practice 1	3 credits
	Approved elective (see Electives below)	3 credits
	Approved elective (see Electives below)	3 credits

### SEMESTER 8

#### All of:

IDSN 4002*	Senior Studio 2	4 credits
IDSN 4061	Professional Experience	1 credit
IDSN 4820	Advanced Design Studies 2	3 credits
IDSN 4880	Professional Practice 2	3 credits
	Approved elective (see Electives below)	3 credits
	Approved elective numbered 3000 or greater (see Electives below)	3 credits

\* **Note:** A minimum grade of C+ is a graduation requirement.

## Electives

For the Interior Design program, the following general education requirements must be met:

- 3 credits # English 1100: Introduction to University Writing; or an approved writing intensive course at the 1100 level or higher
- 24 credits of elective courses from outside the core academic discipline and from approved disciplines (see list below)
- 3 credits at the 3000/4000 level from approved disciplines

General Education Courses must be selected from at least three different academic disciplines (in addition to the required English course) and must include a minimum of six credits from the Faculty of Arts and 3 credits from Sciences (see list below). General Education courses taken at other institutions may be transferred for equivalent or unassigned credits.

## DISCIPLINES FOR ELECTIVE COURSES

(any courses in the following subjects)

## Faculty of Arts

- Anthropology (ANTH)
  - Art History (ARTH)
  - Asian Studies (ASIA)
  - Creative Writing (CRWR)
  - Communication Studies (COMM)
  - Criminology (CRIM)
  - Economics (ECON)
  - English (ENGL)
  - Fine Arts (FINA)
  - Geography (GEOG)
  - History (HIST)
  - Interdisciplinary Expressive Arts (IDEA)
  - Journalism (JRNL)
  - Liberal Education (LBED)
  - Modern Languages including:
    - Cultural Studies (CUST)
    - French (FREN)
    - German (GERM)
    - Japanese (JAPN)
    - Linguistic (LING)
    - Mandarin (MAND)
    - Punjabi (PUNJ)
    - Spanish (SPAN)
  - Music (MUSI)
  - Philosophy (PHIL)
  - Policy Studies (POST)
  - Political Science (POLI)
  - Psychology (PSYC)
  - Sociology (SOCL)
- Quantitative Courses: list of courses that are approved to meet the quantitative requirements for KPU credentials.
  - General Liberal Education Electives: List of courses that are considered General Liberal Education electives. Except the following:
    - Fashion & Technology (FASN)
    - Foundations of Design (FIND)
    - Graphic Design for Marketing (GDMA)

## Faculty of Science

- Astronomy (ASTR)
- Biology (BIOL)
- Chemistry (CHEM)
- Environmental protection (ENVI)
- Mathematics (MATH)
- Physics (PHYS)
- Geology (GEOL)
- Horticulture (HORT)

## CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Interior Design**.

This Bachelor degree, followed by two cumulative years of work experience in the profession, qualifies graduates to write the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) examination. This in turn, allows professional membership in the Interior Designers' Institute of British Columbia (IDIBC), the Interior Designers of Canada (IDC), and various international interior design associations.

## OTHER INFORMATION

The third year of the program includes Major Field Studies as part of the curriculum requirements and the cost of travel is borne by the student.

The Interior Design program is delivered in an e-mobile environment which means students lease a laptop and all curriculum is housed online. Students need to include "fee for service" costs of the laptop and requisite course software for the duration of the 4 year degree program (approximately \$1,200 each year). **Students are advised not to purchase a laptop computer** as all required equipment, software and services will be supplied by KPU through this service.