INTERIOR DESIGN

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The Interior Design program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA), the national accrediting agency for interior design education. The curriculum provides opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge, and learning experiences that prepare students for professional careers with interior design and architectural firms, other design-related careers, or graduate education. The program addresses competencies necessary for passing the NCIDQ (National Council for Interior Design Qualification) exam, a step required in Texas and many other states for interior design certification or licensure. The program incorporates a strong liberal arts background with supporting courses in the arts, sciences, and humanities. The freshman and sophomore years focus on building a strong knowledge base in design, addressing both residential and commercial design venues. The junior and senior years allow for application of knowledge and skills with a strong emphasis on design research and creative problem solving. Study abroad programs are offered to further enhance the educational experience. Students have 24-hour access to drafting facilities, resource areas, and a computer lab. Membership in the Interior Design Association at Baylor, a student organization representing professional student chapters of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), is available for students, offering an introduction into the professional field of interior design. With easy access to the Dallas Design Center, strong professional involvement and industry support are available for students. Various professional organizations at state and national levels offer career day experiences, resources, and mentoring.

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Select 3 hours from the Foreign Languages & Cultures Distribution List.

Formal Reasoning
ID 2317 Space Planning 3

Research, Writing & Literature
ENG 1310 Writing and Academic Inquiry Seminars 6
& PWR 3300 and Technical Writing

Scientific Method I
Select one of the following: 4
CHE 1405 Chemistry and Society
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CHE 1301 Basic Principles of Modern Chemistry I
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Scientific Method II
NUTR 3314 Consumer Nutrition 3
Lifetime Fitness Distribution List 3

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First Year Review

Successful completion of the First-Year review is required for advancement to the Sophomore level studios. At the end of the first year review the following is required:

A minimum GPA of 2.85 or higher in the ID and Art courses required in the freshman level studio sequencing.

Second Year Review

This review is a selective process by which the design faculty identifies students who are prepared in skills and knowledge to proceed to the junior level studio courses. Requirements for Second Year Review:

1. Overall GPA of 2.5 at the end of the fall term prior to the Second Year Review to make application.
2. A minimum GPA of 2.85 or higher in the ID and Art classes required through the sophomore level sequencing at the end of the Spring semester.

1 NUTR 3314 Consumer Nutrition is included in basic studies requirements above.
2 The required, for-credit course, ID 4398 Interior Design Internship (listed above), provides credit for the internship experience.