

MAJORING IN ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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DESCRIPTION OF MAJORS

Architects are professionals trained in the art and science of building design and licensed to protect public health, safety, and welfare to transform these needs into concepts and then develop the concepts into building solutions that can be constructed by others. Modern architects must concern themselves not only with traditional design issues, but also with such emerging concerns as accessibility, the preservation and adaptive use of older buildings and neighborhoods, sustainability, and the form of rapidly expanding urban centers.

Interior Designers perform services related to interior spaces, including programming, design analysis, space planning, and aesthetics, using specialized knowledge of interior construction, building codes, equipment, materials, and furnishings. They also prepare drawings and documents in relation to the design of interior spaces in order to enhance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Students learn basic architectural principles and how interior spaces function within an architectural context.

EXAMPLES OF COURSES

ARC 318K History of Architecture, Survey I

Comparative study of the architecture of the ancient world, including Asia, Africa, the Americas, and Europe

ARC 333 Site Design

History, theory, and technique of landscape design, with emphasis on the relationship of a building to its landscape

ARI 310K Design I

Introduction to studio design, with an emphasis on foundations in form, space, scale, human aspects of design, movement, structure, and place-making

ARI 318K Interiors and Society

Concepts, principles, and elements of interior design, presented in artistic, philosophical, and professional contexts. Includes a basic historical overview of the development of interior design.

Skills Gained by Architecture and Interior Design Majors

Identifying and creatively solving problems

Focus on form and function

Conceptualizing spatial relationships

Ability to visually communicate ideas to others

Knowledge and awareness of related industries

Technical and analytical skills

OVERVIEW OF THE FIELD OF ARCHITECTURE

Building architects, interior designers, landscape architects, urban and environmental planners, and specialists in areas such as historic preservation and sustainability design all contribute to the field of architecture. Professionals who have any of these backgrounds may find themselves working on the same projects as professionals with other architectural specializations, along with professionals from complementary fields, such as engineering, archeology, geography, urban studies, and environmental science.

EXAMPLES OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Architect

Manage healthcare architectural projects. Maintain day-to-day contact with the partner-in-charge and have overall project management responsibility, including client contact, scheduling, budgeting and team coordination. Participate in upfront marketing activities, such as providing assistance in the RFP process, development of presentations and participation at interviews.

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