

NEW STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET INTERIOR DESIGN

Thank you for your interest in the Interior Design Program at Middle Tennessee State University. The program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.

We offer a four-year Bachelor of Science Degree in Interior Design consisting of 38 credit hours in liberal arts courses (we call them General Studies Courses), 22 credit hours in Professional Support Courses (combination of Human Sciences, art and business courses), and 60 credit hours in the Interior Design Professional Courses Sequence. As with most interior design programs, courses must be taken in a strict sequence. Incoming students may declare Interior Design as their major. All students must apply and be accepted into the IDES Professional Courses Sequence after completing the required coursework. Once a student is accepted into the IDES Professional Courses Sequence, it will take a full three years to complete the interior design courses.

Entrance requirements into the Interior Design Professional Course Sequence include the completion of 30 credit hours of General Studies and Professional Support courses with a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher. Once in the program, you must earn a grade of "C" (2.00) or better in all IDES (Interior Design) courses and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher to continue in the IDES courses.

New students, both freshman and transfer students, should attend "Customs", which is a summer orientation program specifically designed for you. You will have the opportunity to meet with advisors who are working the Customs sessions, determine your course requirements, select and register for classes early, learn your way around campus, and obtain information about services and programs.

After fall semester classes begin, you should schedule an appointment with your major advisor during the second or third week of classes. As many faculty are not on campus during June and July, it will be very difficult for you to meet with your major advisor during the summer. Interior design students are assigned a major advisor based on the beginning letter of the student's last name:

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To request an MTSU College Catalog and campus tour call the Admissions Office at 800-331-6878 (in state calls), 800-433-6878 (out of state calls). You may also request Customs information from the

Scheduling Center at 615-898-5533. For class schedules, which come out each semester and list what courses the university will offer, call the Scheduling Center at 615-898-5800 or see the website at www.mtsu.edu/schedule. For additional information, refer to the MTSU catalog at www.mtsu.edu/ucatl/

Students MAY declare a major in Interior Design as first semester freshmen and/or transfer students. Application to the program occurs during the Spring semester of each year for the following Fall semester.

Students electing to major in Interior Design must complete all of the following courses with a grade of C (2.00) or better and be admitted to the *Professional Course Sequence of IDES* to progress beyond the first year of required coursework. Admission is limited, and therefore, competitive.

Required 30 hours for application:

1. English 1010, 1020 – 6 credit hours
2. General Education – Natural Science – 8 credit hours
3. General Education - Math – 3 credit hours
4. General Education - Humanities/Fine Arts (excluding Art 1030) – 3 credit hours
5. General Education – Social/Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
6. HSC 1010 (section for IDES majors) – 1 credit hour
7. Other – from required professional support or general education courses – 6 credit hours

Admission and Progression in the Interior Design Curriculum Prior to Admission to the Professional Course Sequence

1. Any student formally admitted to the University may pursue the Interior Design curriculum.
2. Interior design majors are required to complete HSC 1010 (for IDES majors) prior to applying for admission to the professional course sequence.
3. Interior design students are expected to seek advising from the Interior Design faculty each semester to ensure that they are following the proper sequence for completion of the prerequisite courses.

Admission and Progression in the Interior Design Professional Course Sequence

1. An application form must be submitted to the Interior Design Program during the Spring Semester prior to beginning the professional course sequence. See application for final submission date.
2. Transcript validation of all prerequisite courses must be on file in the MTSU Records Office.
3. A cumulative undergraduate college grade point average of 2.50 is required for beginning eligibility.
4. Applicants must have no grade less than a C (2.00) in any prerequisite and General Education course by the end of Spring Semester for those entering the professional sequence the following fall.
5. Scores from a standardized examination (ACT/SAT) along with the college grade point average will be used to rank candidates for progression to the professional sequence.
6. Students must attain a minimum grade of C (2.00) in all Interior Design courses.

7. Students will be dismissed from the Interior Design major if they
 - a. commit a breach of ethics or gross professional negligence,
 - b. fail to progress due to unsuccessful attainment of requirements.

Students who fail to progress will be readmitted on a space-available basis. Only one readmission for failure to progress will be allowed.

Students admitted from other interior design programs in which a grade of D (less than 2.00) was made in interior design will not be readmitted.
8. If a student receives a D or F in an Interior Design course at MTSU, he/she must repeat that course at MTSU.
9. Further specific details regarding admission and progression are available in the Interior Design Program.