

BACHELOR OF INTERIOR DESIGN (HONOURS)

At a Glance

Faculty

www.kpu.ca/design (<http://www.kpu.ca/design/>)

Area of Study:

www.kpu.ca/interiordesign (<http://www.kpu.ca/interiordesign/>)

Academic Level:

Undergraduate

Credential Granted:

Baccalaureate Degree (Honours)

Start Date:

Fall (September)

Intake Type:

- Limited

Minimum Credits Required:

128

Curriculum Effective Date:

01-Sep-2022

Description

The Bachelor Interior Design (Honours) program affords students an opportunity to advance their design knowledge by investigating a topic of personal interest and working interdependently on an individually focused interior design project in Year 4 of the program.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

In addition to the School of Design's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/admissions/english-proficiency-requirements/>), the following program admission requirements apply:

- Portfolio Review and Interview Session: Qualified applicants will receive an invitation to the required Portfolio Review and Interview session.

Portfolio Review and Interview

During the portfolio and interview process, faculty members evaluate each applicant for suitability for admission 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://www.kpu.ca/design/interior-design/portfolio) (<http://www.kpu.ca/design/interior-design/portfolio/>)

Continuance Requirements

The Studio courses

(i.e., IDSN 1101, IDSN 1212, IDSN 2303, IDSN 2404, IDSN 3505, IDSN 3606, IDSN 4701) require a minimum grade of C+ in order to progress in the program. All other courses require a minimum grade of C in order to progress.

Students must complete and log 80 hours of practical experience in an interior design or architectural firm under the supervision of a registered interior designer. This practical experience can occur anytime during the program but must be completed before IDSN 4880 in Year 4 of the program (see below).

Seat availability is based on priority for students who continue in all courses as per the prescribed program plan. Students who are unable to meet course requirements to continue with the program plan or who decide to take a break from their studies, may be removed from program. Re-admission into the program will be based on seat availability and approval by the program.

Declaration Requirements

Students intending to graduate with the Bachelor of Interior Design (Honours) degree must declare that intention by applying to the Interior Design Honours Committee by the time they complete Year 3 of the Bachelor of Interior Design degree program. At the time of declaration, the student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- In good academic standing with the University
- Completion of IDSN 1101, IDSN 1222, IDSN 2303, IDSN 2404, IDSN 3505, and IDSN 3606 with a minimum GPA of 3.3
- Completion of all other required courses for Years 1 through 3 of the Bachelor of Interior Design degree with a minimum grade of C
- Approval by the Interior Design Honours Committee for admittance to the Honours degree program

Curricular Requirements

The Bachelor of Interior Design (Honours) degree program requires the completion of 128 credits of coursework. For IDSN 1101, 1212, 2303, 2404, 3505, 3606, 4701 and 4802, a minimum grade of C+ is a graduation requirement.

In order to succeed in the second year of the Interior Design program, students should have proficiency in AutoCAD, and should complete ENGL 1100 prior to commencing second year.

Year 1

Term 1		Credits
IDSN 1101	Studio 1	5
IDSN 1121	Building Technologies 1	3
IDSN 1135	Design Awareness 1	3
IDSN 1141	Construction Documentation 1	3
ENGL 1100	Introduction to University Writing	3
Credits		17

Term 2

IDSN 1212	Studio 2	5
IDSN 1221	Building Technologies 2	3
IDSN 1235	Design Awareness 2	3
IDSN 1241	Construction Documentation 2	3
IDSN 1245	Design Communication 1	3
Credits		17

Year 2		
Term 3		
IDSN 2303	Studio 3	6
IDSN 2325	Building Technologies 3	3
IDSN 2345	Design Communication 2	3
IDSN 2375	Human Factors	3
Credits		15
Term 4		
IDSN 2404	Studio 4	6
IDSN 2425	Building Technologies 4	3
IDSN 2445	Design Communication 3	3
Select one General Education Elective from amongst Writing Intensive courses (p. 2)		3
Credits		15
Year 3		
Term 5		
IDSN 3505	Studio 5	6
IDSN 3525	Building Technologies 5	3
IDSN 3546	Design Communication 4	3
Select one General Education Elective (p. 2)		3
Credits		15
Term 6		
IDSN 3606	Studio 6	6
DESN 3100	Design Field School ¹	3
Select two General Education Electives (p. 2)		6
Credits		15
Year 4		
Term 7		
IDSN 4785	Business and Professional Practice 1	3
IDSN 4990	Honours Project	8
Select two General Education Electives (p. 2)		6
Credits		17
Term 8		
IDSN 4880	Business and Professional Practice 2	3
IDSN 4995	Honours Project - Synthesis	8
Select one General Education Elective (p. 2)		3
Select one General Education Elective numbered 3000 or higher (p. 2)		3
Credits		17
Total Credits		128

General Education ³

The Interior Design degree requires 30 credits of coursework that fulfill KPU's and CIDA's² general education requirements, including the following:

- 3 credits from IDSN 2375 Human Factors
- 3 credits from ENGL 1100 Introduction to University Writing
- 24 further credits of elective courses from the Faculty of Arts, or the Faculty of Science & Horticulture that include the following:
 - at least three different academic disciplines
 - at least 3 credits from a course designated as Writing Intensive (approved Writing Intensive courses are listed in the University Calendar with the attribute WI and all courses with the WI attribute can be found using Course Search (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/course-search/>))
 - at least 3 credits from a course designated as Quantitative (approved Quantitative courses are listed in the University Calendar with the attribute QUAN and all courses with the

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- at least 3 credits from a course at the 3000 level or higher

- ¹ The Design Field School (DESN 3100) travel component typically takes place in the summer semester between year 3 and year 4 of the program, and the cost of travel is borne by the student. Therefore, applicants should factor in the cost of this travel at approximately \$3500 - \$4500 including air travel and program fees. (Not including tuition fees.)
- ² The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) stipulates that professional studies courses, such as those from the School of Business, Faculty of Health, or Faculty of Trades and Technology cannot be designated to fulfill the general education requirement because they are focused on skill development for specific purposes.
- ³ Students may take their general education courses prior to entering the program and/or during the summer semester in order to lighten their workload during terms. Many general education courses are offered during the summer semester.

Other Information

This program is delivered in an e-mobile environment that requires laptop computers, specific software, and good internet connections. Students are advised NOT to purchase a personal laptop computer until specifications and requirements have been provided to successful applicants.

The Bachelor of Interior Design (BID) program is part of the Zero Textbook Cost initiative.

Credential Awarded

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

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.