Chapter 5: Program Admission Criteria in Interior Design

Minimum Program Admission Criteria

In order to be considered for admission into the Interior Design Program, the applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Attain admission to Georgia Southern University.
2. If a student is a declared major in an area other than interior design, he/she must complete the change of major form online. This form will initiate the process for getting student's current advisement records and folder sent to the CBSS advising center.
3. Have a minimum of first semester sophomore status (30 credit hours completed) upon applying for the program.
4. Achieve a minimum total overall institution GPA of 2.25 or better on all course work attempted (transfer course work and work completed at Georgia Southern University are considered).
5. Complete the following Area F courses with a minimum grade of "C":

   - IND 2430: Design Appreciation
   - Select 2 of the 3 ART courses in Area F:
     - ART 1010: Drawing I (preferred)
     - ART 1020: 2D Art and Design Foundations
     - ART 1030: 3D Art and Design Foundations

   (Students may be enrolled in any of the above courses during the application semester.)
6. By the end of the first year students shall have:
   a. Submitted copies of college transcripts for all work completed to date
   b. Attended an orientation session with Interior Design Faculty (either Fall or Spring Semester of the first year).
7. Students transferring in with an Interior Design Major from other schools are required to have their portfolio and transcript(s) evaluated by the Interior Design Program Coordinator who is responsible for determining which design courses remain to be taken and which design courses are eligible to receive transfer credit hour. Adequate time must be allowed for scheduling, review and notification. Please contact the program coordinator to schedule an appointment.

Honors in Interior Design

To graduate with Honors in Interior Design, a student must:

   • be admitted to the University Honors Program;
   • successfully complete at least three credits of HONS 4610 over three semesters;
   • successfully complete and present an Honors Thesis or Capstone Project;
   • be in good standing in the University Honors Program at the time of graduation.

Application for Admission to the Interior Design Program

The following completed Admission Package must be turned in by the application deadline in order for the candidate to be considered:

1. Official Application
2. Letter of Intent
3. Verification of grades with official transcripts of all schools attended including this university (WINGS accepted); mid-term verification of grades for all required courses in process. (Students may be in the process of taking Drawing I (ART 1010) or 2D Art and Design Foundations (ART 1020) and will be required to submit a mid-term grade from the professor. Final acceptance is contingent upon the final grade received in the course.)
4. Mid-term verification card: contains midterm grade verification and signature of professor for all Area F courses where student is enrolled in the same semester as application (final acceptance into the program is based on final grade in all currently enrolled course). Midterm grade cards can be obtained from the secretary in building 211.
Application Deadlines

Fall
• All applications are due by 4:30pm the Friday following the last day to withdraw (October)
• Students applying during the fall semester will begin the program and the first studio course the next consecutive semester (spring)

Spring
• All applications are due by 4:30pm the Friday following the last day to withdraw (March)
• Students applying during the spring semester will begin the program and the first studio course the next consecutive semester (fall)

Program Progression Requirements
Students must earn a minimum grade of “C” in all courses within the major requirements including remaining Area F courses.

1. Students must complete the courses in sequence and complete all prerequisites. If a course is dropped or failed, then the student will be out of sequence and graduation will be delayed. These students may have to reapply to the major depending on circumstances, availability of space, and time elapsed between classes.

2. Majors that drop from the program due to personal reasons and wish to reapply at a later date must have courses and skills reevaluated to determine eligibility for the current curriculum and program.

NOTE: Students transferring into the Interior Design major from other majors or from other institutions may not be able to graduate necessarily within the traditional four-year period.

Advisement
For additional information, contact the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Student Services Center.

The Interior Design Program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).