



INTERIOR DESIGN

Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Students in the Davis College are offered fields of study that complement a wide variety of careers. Programs are constantly being updated to reflect industry trends, and student initiative is strongly encouraged. Advising is conducted by faculty members, promoting mentorship. Many current students and alumni comment on the small-school feel of the Davis College, citing the individual attention from faculty, substantial extracurricular opportunities, and hands-on learning that enhance our academic experience.

The Davis College has 22 undergraduate major fields of study and a growing number of minors in the academic divisions of animal and nutritional sciences, design and merchandising, forestry and natural resources, plant and soil sciences, and resource management. Our programs allow for considerable flexibility, as several offer individual academic tracks depending on student interests and goals.

Instructional facilities and unique settings offer varied learning opportunities for students. The majority of classrooms, laboratories, design studios and offices are located on WVU's Evansdale Campus. The College also maintains eight farms, a campus greenhouse, and more than 8,000 acres of forest land for teaching and research. Hands-on experiences, service learning, undergraduate research and study abroad are strongly encouraged for students in every program.

The Interior Design Program, which is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, teaches students to identify, research, and creatively solve problems pertaining to the design of functional and high-quality interior environments. They gain specialized knowledge of interior construction, sustainable practices, interior materials, furnishing and aesthetics, building codes, and social and ethical responsibilities of designers. Students engage in programming, design analysis, and space planning relative to interior environments. They prepare drawings and documents that detail their specifications for aesthetically pleasing interiors that meet client needs, enhance quality of life, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Program Admission and Curriculum

The entry system for the Interior Design Program is highly competitive. Students are evaluated at the end of their first year and chosen based on their performance in interior design courses, projects, and overall grade point average. To earn a bachelor's degree, all students must complete 132 credit hours, including the General Education Curriculum required by the University.

Core courses for this major include, but are not limited to, design peer monitoring, design foundations, history of interiors and furniture, interior design graphics, computer-aided drafting and design, and both residential and contract interior design studios. Complete course listings and descriptions can be found in the current *WVU Undergraduate Catalog*.

As part of the international focus of the program, all design students are required to study abroad in the spring semester of their third year. Students are also encouraged to enroll in internships (ID 400) where they are able to learn and work with practicing designers while earning University credit.

Employment Opportunities

Employment in design occupations is expected to grow. Interior designers often work for interior design firms, architectural firms, department and home furnishing stores, or hotel and restaurant chains. Beginning designers usually receive on-the-job-training and normally need one to three years of apprenticeship before they advance to higher level positions. Salaries for junior interior designers in the largest interior design firms average \$30,000, and project and senior interior designers average \$38,000. Project managers average \$50,000.



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Majors in the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Agribusiness Management & Rural Development:	B
Agricultural & Extension Education:	B, M
Agricultural & Resource Economics:	M
Agriculture, Forestry, & Consumer Sciences:	M
Agroecology:	B
Agronomy:	B, M
Animal & Food Science:	D
Animal & Nutritional Sciences:	B, M
Applied & Environmental Microbiology:	B
Biochemistry:	B
Design Studies:	B
Entomology:	M
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics:	B
Environmental Microbiology:	M
Environmental Protection:	B
Family & Consumer Sciences:	M
Fashion Design & Merchandising:	B
Forest Resources Management:	B
Forest Resources Science:	D
Forestry:	M
Genetics & Developmental Biology:	M, D
Horticulture:	B, M
Human and Community Development:	D
Human Nutrition & Foods:	B
Interior Design:	B
Landscape Architecture:	B
Multidisciplinary Studies:	B
Natural Resource Economics:	D
Plant & Soil Sciences:	D
Plant Pathology:	M
Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Resources:	B, M
Reproductive Physiology:	M, D
Resource Management:	D
Soil Science:	B
Wildlife & Fisheries Resources:	B, M
Wood Science & Technology:	B

B = Bachelor's; M = Master's; D = Doctorate

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