

INTRODUCTORY INTERIOR DESIGN CERTIFICATE

Total Credits: 30

Catalog Edition: 2026-2027

Program Description

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INTRODUCTORY INTERIOR DESIGN CERTIFICATE: 226 IS REPLACED BY INTERIOR DESIGN CERTIFICATE: 266 AND IS NO LONGER ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS. ADDITIONALLY, STUDENTS ADMITTED PRIOR TO FALL 2024 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GRADUATE WITH THIS CERTIFICATE AFTER SPRING 2027. PLEASE CONTACT A [PROGRAM ADVISOR](#) #FOR ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS.

This curriculum is intended to provide new skills for individuals with no previous related education or experience; for students currently employed in unrelated careers, intending to make a significant career change; and for individuals intending to enter a first career in an entry-level assistantship position. Focus includes general foundation core education in interior design, combined with advanced and more technical courses, geared specifically to meet the career goals of the student. Course selection requires close supervision by the interior design advisor.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Apply design principles and color theory at a basic level in the execution of interior design projects.
- Identify the correct textiles, materials, finishes, and furniture for simple specifications.
- Collect and interpret the data necessary to solve simple interior design problems.
- Execute basic presentation and construction drawings.
- Be familiar with interior design principles and ethics.

Program Advisors

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For more information, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/interior-design/introductory-interior-design-certificate.html>

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Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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Program Requirements

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

Program Requirements

IDES 101 - Interior Design I *3 semester hours*

IDES 107 - Interiors: Design Principles *3 semester hours*

IDES 110 - Interiors: Technical Drawing and Drafting *3 semester hours*

IDES 111 - Interior Design II *3 semester hours*

IDES 118 - Interior Design Visualization & Presentation *3 semester hours*

OR

IDES 123 - CAD Drafting for Interior Design *3 semester hours*

IDES Program Elective *3 semester hours* †

IDES 221 - Interior Design: Residential *3 semester hours*

OR

IDES Program Elective *3 semester hours* †

IDES 272 - Business Practices and Procedures for Interior Design *3 semester hours* *

IDES Program Electives *6 semester hours* †

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* This IDES course may not be offered every semester.

† IDES program electives: IDES 118, IDES 123, IDES 221, IDES 222, IDES 234, IDES 275, and one-credit IDES program elective. Select electives in consultation with interior design advisor.

Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu>.

Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

Related Careers

Some require a Bachelor's degree.

Interior Designer, Set and Exhibit Designer.

Career Services

Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career>

Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit <https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com>

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