



FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS



MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERIOR DESIGN

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The master of arts degree in interior design is an advanced educational track geared toward the student who does not have a background in design, but who has a bachelor's degree in any field and is interested in pursuing a professional career in interior design. The program provides students with a solid foundation of history, hands-on design experience, and training that enables them to translate abstract concepts into three-dimensional reality. Over the course of their studies, students are given the opportunity to develop a robust portfolio of impressive, quality work that is required to enter the field as a trained professional.

Fairfield University's interior design curriculum fulfills the National Council of Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) educational requirements and is designed to prepare students to successfully pass the NCIDQ exam. NCIDQ certification requires two years of documented work experience plus a bachelor's degree in any field. The student may join the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) as a student member, then advance to allied membership and eventually to professional membership upon passing the NCIDQ exam.

COURSE OF STUDY

The MA in interior design requires the completion of a total of 63 credits. Candidates must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 and complete a capstone project at the end of the program. In consultation with a faculty advisor, the student will design an individualized sequence of required courses, which includes a capstone course.

REQUIRED COURSES

- Drawing & Presentation
- History of Furniture I
- History of Furniture II
- History of Architecture & Interiors
- Business of Interior Design
- Textiles
- Interior Design I
- Color Design
- Perspective Techniques
- Lighting for Interiors
- Sustainable Design
- Interior Design II
- Kitchen & Bath Design
- Rendering
- Basic CAD
- Interior Design III
- CAD 3-D Architectural
- Interior Design IV
- Interior Design V
- Interior Design VI
- Commercial Design
- Capstone Project

CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

The capstone is an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned throughout their studies by conducting intensive research in the development of the design for a commercial, institutional, or residential space. Preparation of the visual defense for the student's area of interest, with the guidance of the instructor and with the approval of the program director, will result in the final project of the MA program.

GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The program welcomes students of ability from all academic and professional backgrounds. Students who hold a bachelor's degree in any field from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent) with a minimum 3.0 average GPA are encouraged to apply.

FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Applications to the graduate program are accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed by the Graduate Admission Committee. Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following online:

1. A completed application (apply online at www.fairfield.edu/applynow)
2. A non-refundable \$60 application fee
3. A professional résumé
4. A two (2) page, double-spaced personal statement describing:
 - How your educational, professional, and personal experiences have prepared you to be a successful student in this master's program.
 - How your participation in this program will assist you in achieving your future goal
5. Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended (all foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service. A list of approved evaluators is available at www.fairfield.edu/eval)



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6. Two letters of recommendation completed online
7. All international students whose native language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by taking either TOEFL or IELTS exams. For admission to the graduate school, a TOEFL composite score of 550 for the paper test, 213 for the computer-based test, 80 on the internet-based test or an IELTS score of 6.5 is strongly recommended. Scores must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (TOEFL) or www.IELTS.org. Fairfield's ETS code is 3390.

Submit transcripts and any other documents that cannot be uploaded to:

Fairfield University
Office of Graduate Admission
Kelley Center
1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

MANDATORY IMMUNIZATIONS

Connecticut State law requires each full-time or matriculated student to provide proof of immunity or screening against measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), meningitis and tuberculosis. Certain exemptions based on age and housing status apply. Matriculating students are defined as those enrolled in a degree seeking program. More detailed information and the required downloadable forms are available online at www.fairfield.edu/immunization. Completed forms should be submitted directly to the Student Health Center. Although this is not required to complete an application, you must provide proof of immunity/screening prior to course registration. Please consult your private health care provider to obtain the necessary immunizations. Questions may be directed to the Student Health Center: 203-254-4000 ext. 2241 or e-mail health@fairfield.edu.

TUITION/FINANCIAL AID

Academic Year 2019-20 Tuition:
\$800 per credit hour

A graduate education can provide countless professional and personal rewards in the future. However, the costs associated with earning a master's degree may be challenging. Many students need to look beyond their own financial resources or the resources of their employer for assistance. There are many ways to finance a graduate education, including graduate assistantships, federal direct loan programs, and our Veterans Pride Program, which are discussed at www.fairfield.edu/gradfa.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Advisors from the Office of Financial Aid are committed to helping students find the options that best suit each of their needs. We encourage all Fairfield University graduate students to contact the Financial Aid office with any questions or to make an appointment to speak with a counselor.

FINANCIAL AID CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 203-254-4125
Fax: 203-254-4008
E-mail: finaid@fairfield.edu

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE OPERATIONS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center

MORE INFORMATION

ADMISSION QUESTIONS

Questions about the application process should be directed to the Office of Graduate Admission.
Phone: 203-254-4184
Fax: 203-254-4073
E-mail: gradadmis@fairfield.edu

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MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERIOR DESIGN WEBSITE

www.fairfield.edu/design

ONLINE CATALOG

For detailed course descriptions and other University information, please refer to our online catalog
www.fairfield.edu/catalogs.