

What can I do with a major in...

Interior Design?

A major in interior design will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become a designer or apply your skills and knowledge in other work environments. The following list contains sample job titles of CMU graduates who majored in interior design. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

Career Titles for a Interior Design Major:

- Antiques Specialist
- Architectural Draftsperson
- Buyer or Purchasing Agent
- CAD Trainer/Operator
- City Planning Consultant
- Color Consultant
- Commercial Interior Designer
- Contractor
- Estimator
- Facilities Management Consultant
- Furniture Designer
- Interior Design Journalist/Editor
- Lighting Consultant
- Merchandise Manager
- Public Housing Consultant
- Residential Interior Designer
- Sales Representative
- Space Planner
- Textile and Wallcovering Designer

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

Professional Skills Acquired Through a Major in Interior Design

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in this field, a major in interior design will help you develop the fundamental skills that many employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a major in interior design may include:

- Adhering to strict deadlines
- Communicating clearly and effectively
- Computer literacy
- Creating proposals and presentations
- Creativity
- Detail orientation
- Drafting/drawing
- Imagination
- Listening
- Negotiating/mediating
- Organizing materials
- Planning and management
- Problem solving
- Spatial visualization
- Teamwork
- Time/project management

For more information about interior design and other majors, please contact Career Services.

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