Interior Architecture, MIA

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MIA Interior Architecture

The MIA is a studio-based professional degree program that prepares graduates to fill leadership positions in interior architecture, design practice and education. Focusing on the development of groundbreaking design solutions to contemporary and emergent societal issues, such as sustainability and health care, this program draws upon history, theory and criticism to inform a transdisciplinary, evidence-based approach. Studios will have close ties to the allied disciplines of architecture and landscape architecture with faculty members from those programs actively involved in teaching studios with an interior architecture concentration. This provides a foundation of transdisciplinary learning to assist in the understanding of integrated practice. This degree program aims to further a candidate's comprehension of design as a synergistic process of identifying, analyzing and creating useful, beautiful and stimulating interior environments that serve the needs of varied user populations.

At a Glance

- College/School: Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
  - Location: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

56 credit hours including the required capstone course (INT 622)

Students should see the academic unit for the course list. Additional coursework is required if the student needs to take deficiency courses.
Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. a portfolio, letter of intent and contact information of three references submitted via SlideRoom (https://asudesign.slideroom.com/#/Login)
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. The minimum score for admission to the program is 80 (Internet-based) or 550 (paper-based) on the TOEFL or an overall band score of 6.5 on the IELTS. Other information can be found at https://students.asu.edu/graduate/proficiency.

No GRE test is required.

The Design School requires that the portfolio, letter of intent and reference information be submitted in addition to the Graduate College application requirements.

Admission to the program is selective. Admission cannot be deferred; students must enroll in the semester for which they are admitted, otherwise they will need to go through the entire application process again for the year in which they are applying.

Applicants may be admitted to the two-year program with deficiencies if their previous course work is not equivalent to the ASU undergraduate requirements and standards. Deficiencies must be completed prior to taking the required courses, if necessary. Please keep in mind that this may cause the student to take longer than two years to complete the program.

A personal interview is not required; however, a candidate wishing to visit the school is welcome and should make arrangements by contacting the department.
Admission Requirements for the Two-year Program:
All applicants must have completed a minimum of a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) in interior design or interior architecture from a Council for Interior Design Accreditation-accredited program or a four-year degree in architecture from a National Architectural Accrediting Board-accredited program.

Admission Requirements for the Three-plus-year Program:
All applicants must have completed a minimum of a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) in a field other than in interior design, interior architecture or architecture.

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