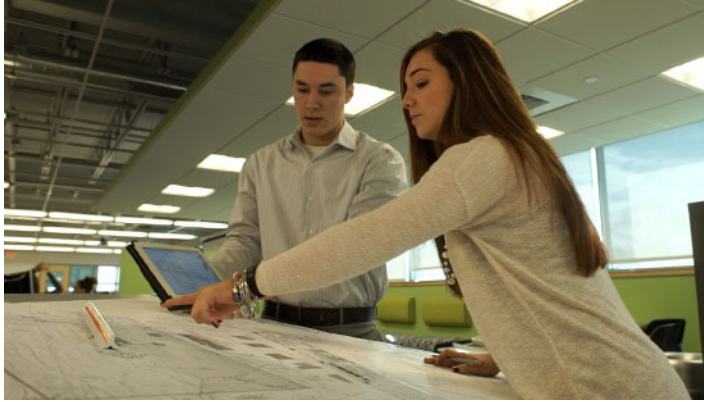# INTERIOR DESIGN (AS)

Program Overview
Associate in Science Degree

The Associate in Science degree in Interior Design is offered through the Department of Design + Architectural Building Technology.

Interior Design is an exciting, sophisticated, and multifaceted profession. It is a process in which creative and technical solutions are applied within a structure to develop a built interior environment which responds to human needs. The practice of interior design requires the designer to understand this process as well as human response to color, light, fabric, texture, and volumetric space.

Interior design is not interior decorating. The sophistication of the interior design profession now requires the practitioner to possess a fundamental knowledge of building science and technology. It is essential that today's designer is able to integrate science and technology into the creative design process.

The Interior Design program at New England Institute of Technology offers a curriculum specifically developed to meet the needs of today's demanding interior design profession. The associate degree curriculum provides students with the fundamental skills to function as a team member in the development of interior design projects. Additional areas of study include space planning, three-dimensional theory, building systems, and construction methods. The program is also designed to instill within students a sense of professionalism and social responsibility.

Students are introduced to the basic elements and theories of design, color and spatial composition that form the foundation of creative design. They are also, through specific courses, introduced to both manual and computer-aided drafting (CAD) skills. Theory and technical courses will familiarize students with the fundamentals of interior design including the design attributes of materials, textiles, building codes, and building systems. Studio courses require students to incorporate the learned theoretical and technical knowledge into a comprehensive design based upon specific program requirements. Studio project types include residential, office, and retail.

Upon successful completion of the associate degree program, students can continue into the NEIT Bachelor of Science in Interior Design degree program.

Curriculum

Course	Title	Quarter Credit Hours
Term I		
ID 114	Introduction to Interior Design	2
ID 134	Color and Composition	3
ABT 111	Introduction to Building Science	1
ABT 112	Technical Drafting and Graphic Communications	3
ABT 126	Presentation Techniques	3
Choose one of the following (depending upon Math Placement):		4-5
MA 105	Basic College Math with Lab (MA/SCI Core) [1]	
MA 110	Introduction to College Math (MA/SCI Core) [1]	
Elective	100-200 Level Humanities, Social Sciences, or Arts/Foreign Language Core [1]	
	Quarter Credit Hours	**16-17**
Term II		
ID 124	Interior Methods, Materials, & Structures	3
ABT 114	Introduction to Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD)	4
ABT 122	Two- & Three-Dimensional Design Theory	3
MA 125	Technical Math I (MA/SCI Core) [1]	4
EN 100	Introduction to College Writing (COM Core) [1]	4
	Quarter Credit Hours	**18**
Term III		
ID 132	Interior Design Studio I – Residential	5
ID 135	Introduction to Lighting & Acoustics	3
ID 138	3D Modeling & Post Production	3
ID 226	Finishes & Materials I	3
EN 200	Workplace Communications (COM Core) [1]	4
	Quarter Credit Hours	**18**
Term IV		
ID 212	Programming	2
ID 213	Kitchen & Bath Design Studio	3
ID 225	History of Interior Design I	3
ABT 218	Building Information Modeling I (BIM I)	4
ABT 236	Building Codes	2
Elective	100-200 Level Humanities, Social Sciences, or Arts/Foreign Language Core [1]	4
	Quarter Credit Hours	**18**
Term V		
ID 228	Interior Design Studio II – Retail	5
ID 232	Professional Practice for Interior Designers	3
ABT 137	Introduction to Environmental Systems	3
Elective	100-200 Level Humanities, Social Sciences, or Arts/Foreign Language Core [1]	4
SS 263	Architectural History	4
	Quarter Credit Hours	**19**

Term VI

ID 235	Interior Design Studio III – Office	5
ID 237	Portfolio	3
ID 238	Building Code Applications	2
Elective	100-200 Level Humanities Core [1]	4
	Quarter Credit Hours	**14**
	Total Quarter Credit Hours	**103-104**

[1] Liberal Arts Core.

Legend

C = Number of lecture hours per week

L = Number of laboratory hours per week

T = Total Quarter Credit Hours where each lecture hour per week is one credit, every 2-4 laboratory hours are one credit depending on the expected amount of pre- or post-lab work.

All associate degree students are required to take 32 credits of liberal arts and math/science courses as selected from the liberal arts core. See the course descriptions section of this catalog for a list of the core area courses. Students who place out of MA 105 Basic College Math with Lab/MA 110 Introduction to College Math must still take 32 credits of core courses.

Subject to change.

Program Mission, Goals, and Outcomes

Program Mission

The Interior Design programs, at both the associate and bachelor's level, prepare students to be proficient in the art and technology of designing the interior built environment relative to the user's social, psychological, and aesthetic needs.

Program Goals

1. To educate students in the fundamentals of interior design and building sciences through a seamless and comprehensive study combining the theoretical and practical concepts of design, building systems, components, and construction.
2. To expand our students' observational skills and critical thinking abilities.
3. To instill within each student an awareness of and desire to contribute to the profession and society at large through the development of a professional and personal ethic that demands technically, environmentally, and socially responsible decision making.

Program Outcomes

The Interior Design graduate will be able to:

1. Function as an integral member of the building design team.
2. Act in an ethically and morally responsible way with regard to the profession, public safety, and regulatory authorities.
3. Evaluate and analyze problems relative to the interior built environment and develop solutions that meet the economic, social, technical, and aesthetic needs of the client and society.
4. Demonstrate a historical appreciation and professional accountability within the context relative to the interior design industry.

5. Demonstrate effective oral and written communications.
6. Present design concepts through a graphic and verbal presentation.
7. Generate construction documents using electronic mediums.

Q&A and Technical Standards
Questions & Answers

1. When do my classes meet?

Day Classes: Technical classes normally meet for at least three hours a day for up to five days a week. Classes normally begin in the early morning (7:45 a.m.), late morning (usually 11:25 a.m.), or mid-afternoon. A technical time slot may vary from term to term.

Evening Classes: Technical classes meet on the average of three nights a week, although there may be times when they will meet four nights a week. Classes normally begin at 5:45 p.m.

IN ADDITION, to achieve your associate degree, you will take a total of approximately eight liberal arts courses, which will be scheduled around your technical schedule over the course of your entire program. Each liberal arts course meets approximately four hours per week. Liberal arts courses are offered days, evenings, and Saturdays.

At the beginning of each term you will receive a detailed schedule giving the exact time and location of all your classes. The College requires that all students be prepared to take classes and receive services at any of NEIT's locations where the appropriate classes and services are offered.

When a regularly scheduled class falls on a day which is an NEIT observed holiday (Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Memorial Day), an alternate class will be scheduled as a make up for that class. The make up class may fall on a Friday. It is the student's responsibility to take note of when and where classes are offered.

2. How large will my classes be?

The average size for a class is about 20 to 25 students; however, larger and smaller classes occur from time to time.

3. How much time will I spend in lab?

Almost half of your technical courses consist of laboratory work. In order for you to get the most out of your laboratory experiences, you will first receive a thorough explanation of the theory behind your lab work.

4. Where do my classes meet?

Students should be prepared to attend classes at any of NEIT's classroom facilities: either at the Post Road, Access Road, or East Greenwich campus.

5. I have not earned my high school diploma or GED: can I enroll in an Associate Degree Program?

A candidate for admission to an associate degree program must have a high school diploma, have earned a recognized equivalency diploma (GED), or meet the federal home school requirements.

6. How long should it take me to complete my program?

To complete your degree requirements in the shortest possible time, you should take the courses outlined in the prescribed curriculum. For a typical six-term curriculum, a student may complete the requirements in as little as 18 months.

To complete all your degree requirements in the shortest time, you should take at least one liberal arts course each term.

Students may also elect to complete some of their liberal arts requirements during Intersession (except for EN courses), a five-week term scheduled between Spring and Summer Terms. Students will not be assessed any additional tuition for liberal arts courses taken during the Intersession but may be assessed applicable fees.
Students wishing to extend the number of terms needed to complete the required technical courses in their curriculum will be assessed additional tuition and fees.

7. Is NEIT accredited?
NEIT is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. Accreditation by NECHE is recognized by the federal government and entitles NEIT to participate in federal financial aid programs. Some academic departments have specialized professional accreditations in addition to accreditation by NECHE. For more information on accreditation, see NEIT's catalog.

8. Can I transfer the credits that I earn at NEIT to another college?
The transferability of a course is always up to the institution to which the student is transferring. Students interested in the transferability of their credits should contact the Office of Teaching and Learning for further information.

9. Can I transfer credits earned at another college to NEIT?
Transfer credit for appropriate courses taken at an accredited institution will be considered upon receipt of an official transcript for any program, biology, science, and mathematics courses in which the student has earned a "C" or above within the past three years and for English or humanities courses in which the student has earned a "C" or above within the last ten years. official transcript from the other institution must be received before the end of the first week of the term for transfer credit to be granted for courses to be taken during that term. Students will receive a tuition reduction for the approved technical courses based on the program rate and will be applied against the final technical term of the curriculum's tuition amount. No tuition credit is provided for courses which are not a part of the technical curriculum.

10. What is the "Feinstein Enriching America" Program?
New England Institute of Technology is the proud recipient of a grant from the Feinstein Foundation. To satisfy the terms of the grant, the College has developed a one-credit community enrichment course which includes hands-on community enrichment projects. The course can be taken for a few hours per term, spread over several terms. Students who are already engaged in community enrichment on their own may be able to count that service towards course credit.

11. How many credits do I need to acquire my Financial Aid?
In order to be eligible for the maximum financial aid award, you need to maintain at least 12 credits per academic term.

12. What does my program cost?
The cost of your program will be as outlined in your enrollment agreement, along with your cost for books and other course materials. Students who decide to take more terms than the enrollment agreement describes to complete the technical courses in their curriculum will be subject to additional fees and possible additional tuition costs. Students who elect to take the technical portion of the degree requirements at a rate faster than the rate prescribed in the curriculum and the enrollment agreement will be assessed additional tuition.

Students who require prerequisite courses will incur additional tuition and fees above those outlined in their enrollment agreement.

If a student elects to take a course(s) outside of the prescribed curriculum, additional tuition and fees will be assessed.

Remember, students who withdraw and re-enter, one time only, pay the tuition rate that was in effect for them at the time of their last day of attendance for up to one year from their last day of attendance. Second re-entrees and beyond pay the tuition rate in effect at the time they re-enter. The most economical way for you to complete your college degree is to begin your program now and continue your studies straight through for the six terms necessary to complete your degree requirements.

13. What kind of employment assistance does NEIT offer?
The Career Services Office assists NEIT students and graduates in all aspects of the job search, including resume writing, interviewing skills, and developing a job search strategy. Upon completion of their program, graduates may submit a resume to the Career Services Office to be circulated to employers for employment opportunities in their fields. Employers regularly contact us about our graduates. In addition, our Career Services Office contacts employers to develop job leads. A strong relationship with employers exists as a result of our training students to meet the needs of industry for over fifty years. No school can, and NEIT does not, guarantee to its graduates employment or a specific starting salary.

14. Where will job opportunities exist?
Graduates have obtained employment in the local area. However, one of the most exciting aspects of this program is the ability to look nationally for employment opportunities.

15. What kind of jobs will I be qualified to look for?
The Interior Design Program provides students with the problem solving skills and technical knowledge needed to work in an Interior Design firm or in a related field. Job opportunities include interior/architectural firms, systems furniture designers, kitchen and bath specialists, and in-house retail designers.

Technical Standards
These technical standards set forth by the Department of Design + Architectural Building Technology, establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to these programs to achieve the knowledge, skills and competencies to enter these fields. The successful student must possess the following skills and abilities or be able to demonstrate that they can complete the requirements of the program with or without reasonable accommodation, using some other combination of skills and abilities.

Cognitive Ability
- Ability to interpret ideas and concepts visually and/or graphically
- Ability to learn, remember and recall detailed information and to use it for problem solving.
- Ability to deal with materials and problems such as organizing or reorganizing information.
- Ability to use abstractions in specific concrete situations.
- Ability to break information into its component parts.
- Ability to understand spatial relationships.

- Possession of basic math skills through addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers and fractions using both the U.S. and Metric systems of measurement.
- Ability to perform tasks by observing demonstrations.
- Possession of basic keyboarding skills and knowledge of computer programs.

Communications Skills

- Ability to communicate effectively with faculty and students.
- Ability to demonstrate and use the knowledge acquired during the classroom training process and in the lab setting.

Adaptive Ability

- Ability to maintain emotional stability and the maturity necessary to interact with other members of the faculty and students in a responsible manner.

Physical Ability

- Ability to stand and/or sit for long periods of time.
- Ability to perform learned skills, independently, with accuracy and completeness.

Manual Ability

- Sufficient motor function and sensory abilities to participate effectively in the classroom laboratory.
- Sufficient manual dexterity and motor coordination to coordinate hands, eyes and fingers in the use of the computer, plotter and other equipment.

Sensory Ability

Visual

- Acute enough to enable the adjustment of drafting equipment
- Ability to properly distinguish colors.
- Acute enough to read small print.
- Acute enough to read small numbers on measuring instruments

Degree Progress Checklist

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- For students entering October 2024 or later
- For students entering October 2018 to September 2024