

B.F.A. in Interior Design

College of Visual Arts & Design Suggested 4-Year Curriculum Guide

2026-2027 Academic Year, curriculum expires August 2034

First Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ART 1700: Foundations - Space
ART 1800: Foundations - Narrative & Representation
ART 2350: Art History Survey 1 (core)
ADES 1625: Introduction to Interior Design
ENGL 1310: First-Year Writing 1 (or 1311: Honors, core)

Summer Semester 1 (3 credits)
Life & Physical Sciences core option

Second Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ADES 2640: Interior Design Studio 1
ADES 2650: Design Communications
Elective
ART 2370: Art History Survey 3 (core)
ENGL 1320: First-Year Writing 2 (or 1321: Honors, core)

Third Year Fall Semester (15 credits)
ADES 3630: Interior Design Studio 2
ADES 3635: Interior Construction
Advanced CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU 3000+)
HIST 2610: United States History to 1865 (or 2675: Honors, core)
PSCI 2305: Political Behavior & Policy (or 2315: Honors, core)

Fourth Year Fall Semester (12 credits)
ADES 4615: Topics in Interior Design (repeatable for 6 hours)
ADES 4630: Interior Design Studio 4
ADES 4700: Professional Internship
Advanced CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU 3000+)

First Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
ART 1600: Foundations - Perception & Translation
ART 1900: Foundations - Systems & Transformations
ART 2360: Art History Survey 2 (core)
ADES 2630: Drawing for Interior Design
College Math core option (MATH 1580 recommended)
Entry Review and Degree Plan (see Page 2 for requirements)

Summer Semester 2 (3 credits)
Life & Physical Sciences core option

Second Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
ADES 2660: Technology for Design
ADES 2670: Materials & Specifications
ARTH 4815: 20th Century Interiors
Social & Behavioral Sciences core option
PSCI 2306: Constitutions & Institutions (or 2316: Honors, core)

Third Year Spring Semester (15 credits)
ADES 3640: Interior Design Studio 3
ADES 3645: Lighting Design
Advanced CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU 3000+)
HIST 2620: United States History since 1865 (or 2685: Honors, core)
Component Area Option core course (See Academic Advisor)

Fourth Year Spring Semester (12 credits)
ADES 4625: Professional Practice
ADES 4640: Interior Design Studio 5
Advanced CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU 3000+)
Elective
Total required credit hours: 120

Important Notes:

- Please refer to the statement regarding “Time to Degree Completion” on Page 2.
- ADES 1625 is offered in fall semesters only. ADES 2630 and Entry Portfolio Review are offered in spring semesters only.
- **Graduation Requirements:** Grades of “C” or better are required for all CVAD requirements. Additional graduation requirements include: 42 hours must be advanced; 24 of the 42 advanced hours must be completed at UNT. Must have a 2.0 GPA (UNT & overall) and a 2.5 GPA within the major. Students are encouraged to run their [online degree audit](#) regularly to track the completion of all requirements for this degree.
- Please visit the [CVAD website](#) for up-to-date information. Additionally, many common questions are answered on the [CVAD Advising Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

Entry Portfolio Review

Students interested in pursuing a major in Interior Design begin as pre-majors. Admission to the Interior Design major occurs through an entry portfolio review process at the end of the first year, for which students must meet minimum eligibility requirements to be considered, as follows:

Interior Design Entry Review Eligibility (end of first-year spring semester)

- Completion of at least 30 hours of college courses;
- Completion of ART 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900; ADES 1625 & 2630, with grades of C or better;
- Completion of at least one art history survey course (ART 2350, 2360, and/or 2370), with a grade of C or better;
- GPA of 2.50 or better on the required CVAD courses for eligibility;
- GPA of 2.25 or better on all courses completed at UNT; and
- Submission of all entry portfolio review materials by the deadline on the CVAD website listed below.

Details regarding the Interior Design Portfolio Review requirement and timing are updated annually and are available on the [Interior Design Entry Portfolio Review website](#).

Approximately 40 students will be selected from eligible entry review applicants for full admission into the Interior Design major. All subsequent ADES coursework (ADES 2640 and higher) is restricted to those admitted as Interior Design majors.

Transfer Credit

Students must submit official transcripts of all prior collegiate-level coursework as part of the UNT admissions process. Transfer information is reviewed with the student at Orientation. **Little to no transfer coursework is typically approved to transfer towards the required ADES coursework.** All students, regardless of academic status, must be admitted to the Interior Design Program through the Interior Design Portfolio Review.

Time to Degree Completion

Due to the highly sequenced curriculum and skill-building nature of coursework, ADES courses cannot be taken concurrently unless otherwise listed as such. This means that, regardless of the required total remaining credit hours, students should anticipate four years (8 fall/spring semesters) to complete the B.F.A. in Interior Design, starting from the first ADES course completed (ADES 1625, fall semesters). ADES courses are not offered in summer semesters.

Students that do not successfully complete the review may, upon approval of department, re-review. However, this will delay the anticipated time to completion, typically by one year. Likewise, students that fail to successfully complete courses in sequence should anticipate a one-year delay in time to completion.

KEY to terms & abbreviations found within this document:

ADES = design courses
ART = general art courses
ARTE = art education courses
ARTH = advanced art history courses
ASTU = studio art courses
B.F.A. = Bachelor of Fine Arts
CVAD = College of Visual Arts & Design
core = university core curriculum requirement
elective = course that student chooses
ENGL = English courses
GPA = grade point average
HIST = history courses
INTD = Interior Design (major)
MATH = mathematics courses
PSCI = political science & government courses
UNT = University of North Texas