The Interior Architecture degree combines the fundamental interest in human–environmental relationships of interior design with study of interior products, building forms, and systems. The program uses the studio as a physical and intellectual place where students transform ideas into physical and virtual forms, objects, and spaces. Supplied with appropriate facilities, tools, and equipment, students build what they design.

Degree Outcomes

• Employment with design firms specializing in interior design, architecture and related fields such as graphics, furniture, preservation, home furnishings, museums and exhibition, lighting, and more.
• Graduate study at prominent national and international institutions.

The Student Experience

• A holistic, studio-based curriculum with individual workspace for students in a premier facility using state-of-the-art physical and digital technology.
• Collaboration with various populations and user groups. Professional experience and service to the community.
• Opportunities to study abroad at various locations and visit design centers around the country.
• Participate in the department’s Center for Community-Engaged Design, the N.C. Main Street program, student chapters of ASID and IIDA and other organizations and partners.
• Development of professional skills through a required internship experience.

Accolades & Accomplishments

• Students earned first place in recent competitions including the Bernice Bienenstock Library Interior Design Competition; IIDA Carolinas Chapter Student Award; IIDA Student Design Charrette; Retail Design Institute International Student Design Competition; International VELUX Award for Students of Architecture in the Americas; and Sherwin-Williams Student Design Competition.
• Assistant Professor Amanda Gale named among the 25 Most Admired Educators for 2017–18 by DesignIntelligence.
• Professor Jo Leimenstoll received a $200,000 grant from the N.C. Department of Commerce for the N.C. Main Street Program.
• Prof. Stoel Burrowes was winner in the “Furniture, Decorative Items and Homeware” Design Category of the A’Design Awards, 2018–2019, for his Letter
Accreditations & Affiliations

- The program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation

Additional Requirements

Students apply to the department in addition to the university. The application is online at iarc.uncg.edu.