

What can I do with a major in “Furnishings and Interiors”?

The University of Georgia Career Center

Clark Howell Hall, 706-542-3375, www.career.uga.edu
Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors, 706-542-4891
<http://www.fcs.uga.edu/tmi/>



This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Furnishings and Interiors

The curriculum in the Furnishings and Interiors major focuses on residential environments. The major is a rigorous program of study designed for students who are serious about design. Courses impart design skills and knowledge in areas including: design fundamentals; oral, written and graphic communication; illustration and presentation methods; computer-aided drawing; 3-D computer modeling and rendering; residential-oriented design studios; kitchen and bath design; interior materials and finishes; textile end-use and performance; building systems and construction; lighting design; analysis, specification and estimation of materials and furnishings; historic architecture, interiors and furnishings; and professional practices. The program recently obtained National Kitchen and Bath Association accreditation, making it the only program in the state with this designation. Speakers, field trips and study tours give students contact with professional interior designers as well as the home furnishings industry.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (userid: ugacpp & password: gcis 889)

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

**Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.*

Possible Job Titles of Furnishings and Interiors Graduates

Assistant Designer	Kitchen & Bath Designer
Assistant Showroom Designer	Manufacturer's Representative
Buyer	Model Home Designer
CAD Designer	Office Manager
Commercial Designer	Project Designer
Design Consultant	Project Manager
Designer	Residential Designer
Exhibitor Service Representative	Sales Associate
Furniture Designer Historic Preservationist	Sales Representative
Interior Designer	Window Covering Installer

Possible Employers of Furnishings and Interiors Graduates

Architectural Firms	Design Centers	Kitchen and Bath Design Centers
Businesses and Corporations	Furniture Showrooms	Manufacturer's Showrooms
Contractor Firms	Home Builders	Office Supply Stores

Career Center Library Resources

Becoming an Interior Designer: A Guide to Careers in Design
Professional Interior Design: A Career Guide

Real People Working in Business
Vault Career Guide to Interior Design
WetFeet Insider Guide to Industries and Careers for Undergrads

Campus Resources

Student Interior Design Association - <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/tmi/undergraduate/furnishing.html>
College of Family & Consumer Sciences Student Services - <http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ss/index.html>

Employment Websites

Interior Design Jobs - <https://interiordesignjobs>
International Interior Design Association Careers - <http://www.iida.org/content.cfm/careers>
CreativeJobsCentral - <http://www.creativejobscentral.com/interior-design-jobs/>
USAJOBS - <http://www.usajobs.gov/>
Idealist - <http://www.idealist.org/>

Additional Resources

American Society of Interior Designers - www.asid.org
International Interior Design Association - www.iida.com
National Kitchen & Bath Association - <http://www.nkba.org>
American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists - www.aatcc.org
Careers in Interior Design - <http://www.careersininteriordesign.com/>
National Council for Interior Design Qualification - www.ncidq.org