

# What can I do with a major in Furnishings and Interiors

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*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that 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; sustainability; historic architecture, interiors and furnishings; entrepreneurship; 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.

### Researching Job Titles and Careers

**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)

**Georgia Career Information Center** <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

**Career Insider: Vault Guides** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

**Candid Career** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

### Possible Job Titles

Assistant Designer	Exhibitor Service Representative	Occupancy Planner
Assistant Showroom Designer	Facilities Space Planning and Move	Office Manager
Associate	Coordinator	Project Designer
Buyer	Furniture Designer Historic	Project Manager
CAD Designer	Preservationist	Residential Designer
Commercial Designer	Healthcare Interior Designer	Sales Associate
Contractor	Installation Specialist	Sales Representative
Design Assistant	Interior Designer	Space Planner
Design Consultant	Kitchen & Bath Designer	Space Planning Specialist
Design Engineer	Manufacturer’s Representative	Window Covering Installer
Designer	Model Home Designer	

### Possible Employers

Architectural Firms	Furniture Showrooms	Richard Giegengak, AIA
Businesses and Corporations	Gore Dean	Robert Brown Interior Design
CH2M HILL	Holabird & Root	Roediger Corporate Interior Planning
Consulting Firms	Home Builders	Rosser International
Contractor Firms	International Design Firms	SRSS
Design Centers	Kitchen and Bath Design Centers	Surber, Barber, Choate and Hertlein,
Design Details	Manufacturer’s Showrooms	AIA
DMD Design Group	Marty Mason Collected Home	The Great House
DMD Studios, Inc	Nancy Braithwaite Interiors	Three, Inc
Emerich Architects and Associates	NELSON	Turner Davis Interiors
Ethan Allen	Office Supply Stores	Woodhaven Homes
Francois & Co	Perkins+Will	

*To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at [www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/](http://www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/) and search for alumni on Linked In at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).*

## Campus Resources

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**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>

**To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at-** <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>

**Connect with your Career Consultant** <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

## Employment Websites

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### GENERAL:

**CareerSearch** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Research employers by location and/or industry)

**DAWGlink** [www.career.uga.edu/](http://www.career.uga.edu/) (login with your UGA MyID and password)

**GoinGlobal** (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

**Idealist** [www.idealist.org/](http://www.idealist.org/) (nonprofit jobs)

**USAJobs** [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/) (federal jobs)

### MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

**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/>

## Professional Information Resources

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**American Society of Interior Designers** - [www.asid.org](http://www.asid.org)

**International Interior Design Association** - [www.iida.com](http://www.iida.com)

**National Kitchen & Bath Association** - <http://www.nkba.org>

**American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists** - [www.aatcc.org](http://www.aatcc.org)

**Careers in Interior Design** - <http://www.careersininteriordesign.com/>

**National Council for Interior Design Qualification** - [www.ncidq.org](http://www.ncidq.org)

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

## Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

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Get involved and build your resume early. Join student organizations that fit your interests and career goals. Also, consider informational interviews of professionals within your field. Visit the career center website or career guide for more information about informational interviewing including questions to ask and a cold calling script. Additionally, consider internships and volunteer opportunities to demonstrate work ethic and experience through-out your resume.

Take advantage of the various study abroad programs to gain global experience. Earn credit in your major and complete an internship in London; learn and engage in retail entrepreneurship through the interdisciplinary Ghana Study Abroad program; study and visit industry sites in Hong Kong and China. The department also offers a study tour to New York City. Visit [www.fcs.uga.edu/ss/study\\_abroad.html](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/ss/study_abroad.html) for more information.