

Interior Architecture



Interior environments enhance the quality of life, culture, and comfort of occupants by lifting their spirits within aesthetically pleasing spaces that are full of invention and imagination.

Interior designers coordinate the design of interior spaces with the building shell, the exterior environment, and the social context, as well as integrate issues of sustainability, building codes, and regulatory requirements. They also engage in environmentally sensitive practices that address the current trends and needs of the profession to “think green.”



“Interiors students take courses their first two years with architecture students to learn to dialogue in the shared language of design. Upper-level studios build on the knowledge base and often incorporate real workplace projects with real clients. Students creatively solve space problems and develop solutions in the areas of Universal design, materials, and finishes, and wayfinding. They learn to balance function and aesthetics in their designs.”

– Michelle Belt, senior lecturer, College of Architecture and Design





All images student work

Program Overview

Named one of the “Top 20” interior design programs in the United States by *DesignIntelligence*, Lawrence Technological University’s Bachelor of Interior Architecture emphasizes a three-dimensional, architecture-based approach to creating humane, enabling, and ecologically sensitive interior environments for living, working, and recreation.

Interior architecture stands at the intersection of architecture, design of the built environment, and conservation as it relates to the issues of sustainability. Lawrence Tech’s program focuses on the re-use of existing structures and their subsequent transformation into new space and/or form, always keeping sustainable and technological issues at the forefront.

Lawrence Tech’s interior architecture program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), giving you an important advantage when entering the workforce. The Interior Architecture Student Organization is active on campus and

connects students with both of the major interior design professional organizations: the American Society of Interior Designers and the International Interior Design Association.

Why Interior Architecture at Lawrence Tech?

- Lawrence Tech interior architecture majors consistently win local, national, and international design competitions.
- You will visit local product resources, such as the Michigan Design Center, and attend the annual NeoCon product show in Chicago.
- You will participate in a required internship prior to graduating to gain real-world, hands-on experience from a practicing designer.
- All students have access to such resources as a materials library, wood shop, metal shop, photography lab, and dedicated studio space.

Career Options

- Corporate interior design
- Exhibit design
- Furniture design

- Healthcare facility design
- Hospitality interior design
- Lighting design
- Residential interior design
- Retail interior design
- Set design
- Showroom design
- Space planning
- Automotive color and trim

Curriculum

Your 132-credit-hour program consists of:

Interior architecture core	88
Humanities (with emphasis on leadership)	26
Math and science	12
Electives	6
Total	132

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