

Research Paper #2 Trends in Interior Design

ID-442 Interior Design Internship

Due: Last day of summer semester

The purpose of this research paper is to gather background information about the future of the design profession. Most of the research for this assignment will be collected from design related periodicals, and professional design related organizations.

Directions:

Follow the APA guidelines as closely as possible. Include citations within the text for all personal communications and resources used. Papers should be double spaced with 11 – 12 point font size. Include a title page and a reference page. The appendix may be included in the same binding. I prefer your paper to be spiral bound with a clear cover page. Please do not use hardcover notebooks or papers in clear plastic sleeves. **DO NOT FAX OR EMAIL YOUR PAPER.** I must receive a hard copy by **Friday, July 30th**.

There is no set number of pages that I am looking for, but I am looking for a thorough paper that provides a variety of current and future trends and predictions about the interior design profession in general. Do not focus on only one segment such as commercial or residential design or one topic, such as color forecasting. Include full copies of all articles cited and included in the reference list in an appendix at the back of your bound document.

The following outline will provide examples of content that should be incorporated into your paper. Additional topics may be added.

- I. Hot topics such as:
 - a. Sustainable Design: (LEED, sustainable products, solar power, etc.)
 - b. Special needs (universal design, aging – living in place, ADA and codes.
 - c. Interior Design Legislation update (who is against ID Legislation?)
- II. New Innovative products (interior materials such as wall, floors, ceilings, appliances, signage and home and office furniture, etc.)
- III. Technology trends that affect interior design (home theaters, smart homes, lighting innovations, security systems, etc.)
- IV. General Trends (color forecasting, popular styles, housing trends, economic forecast, outdoor living spaces, etc.)
- V. Trends in Design Education (New CIDA standards, Interior Architecture vs. Interior Design, etc.)