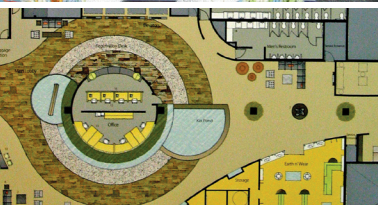


# THE SOUTHERN MISS INTERIOR DESIGN PROGRAM

has produced professional and knowledgeable designers working throughout the U.S. and abroad since 1979. Southern Miss was the first interior design program in Mississippi to receive accreditation by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA), formerly FIDER, and is the only program in the region to hold dual accreditations by CIDA and the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA). Students graduating from the program meet the requirements for the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) exam, as well as the NKBA certification exams for kitchen and bath design. Faculty members provide diverse backgrounds in architecture, art and design, as well participate in professional organizations such as AIA, ASID, IIDA, NKBA and USGBC.



VARIETY OF DESIGN APPROACHES  
IDENTIFY, RESEARCH AND SOLVE PROBLEMS  
INTERDISCIPLINARY AND GROUP PROJECTS  
PROFESSIONAL AND KNOWLEDGEABLE DESIGNERS  
COLLABORATIVE WORK ENVIRONMENTS  
**CREATIVE, ABSTRACT THINKING**

The Interior Design Program strives to prepare graduates for professional careers in interior design by providing a variety of design approaches for both residential and commercial spaces, utilizing interdisciplinary and group projects, collaborative work environments, and local, regional and national competitions. The curriculum prepares students to identify, research and solve problems related to the needs of people in all environments, as well as provide technical communication skills and knowledge of design theory, history, sustainability, codes, regulations and creative, abstract thinking. Additionally, students develop an understanding of the designer's professional responsibility in society in order to enhance the function and quality of interior spaces.

Recent honors and recognition include the 2009 NKBA Excellence in Education Award, the ASID Student Chapter of the Year Award and the ASID Educator Medalist Award. Students and faculty serve in leadership positions for the board of directors of the American Society of Interior Designers South Central Chapter and the Mississippi Coalition for Interior Design Legislation, hold NCIDQ certifications, and are Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professionals for Commercial Interiors and New Construction.

Program acceptance requires the successful completion of art and design foundation courses along with a sophomore portfolio review, which will allow entrance into upper-level studio courses. Students are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher and complete a 320-hour internship experience under the direct supervision of a licensed architect or NCIDQ certificate holder during the summer of the junior or senior year.

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To request additional information about the Southern Miss Interior Design Program or to schedule a tour of "The Studio," please contact the program coordinator at 601.266.5988 or [interior.design@usm.edu](mailto:interior.design@usm.edu).



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