

Live & learn in Sydney



We love our city
and we know you
will too

Study and live in this diverse, vibrant city with its warm climate, beautiful beaches and a thriving design community. Sydney is home to the iconic Opera House and is rated as one of the world's most livable cities.

Graduate - Pheobe Strapp
Interior Designer, AP Design House



Live your own
success story

At Sydney Design School we
recognise that each person's
journey is unique

Whether you're just starting out or changing
careers we can help you turn your dream into
a reality and open the door to an exciting
career in interiors.



It all starts with passion

We are often
asked if you can
teach creativity.
Absolutely!

We start with the foundations of design and gradually build your skills and confidence to become a world class, professional Interior Decorator or Designer.

Our courses are fast paced, practical and intensive. You'll work on real client briefs in an engaging design studio environment. We teach the latest international trends using the most up to date technology. Our award winning graduates are sought after by the industry and many go on to become leaders in their field.

You'll graduate in 6, 12 or 18 months with an accredited qualification and a polished portfolio of work showcasing your diverse skills and personal style.





A message from our Director - Amanda Grace

“It’s a fabulous creative atmosphere where you learn from each other and develop your own style.”

Study with the Specialists in Interior Design

Immerse yourself in our world of design by studying with a community of like-minded creatives from around the world who share your love of interiors.

Sydney Design School is located 8kms from the heart of the city centre on Sydney’s leafy north shore surrounded by cafes, bars and green space. It is easily accessible by train or bus from any part of the city.

Our modern campus is spread over an entire floor comprising of six studios and two computer labs. Our students enjoy a custom-designed breakout space, an in-house sample library and access to extensive online resources.



Our Courses

When you study at Sydney Design School you'll graduate with an internationally recognised qualification and a professional industry ready portfolio showcasing your unique skills and talent.



Certificate IV in Interior Decoration (MSF40118)

Get hands-on and creative with our accredited foundation course in interior decoration. Understand the principles of design, learn colour theory, spatial planning and develop your personal interior style.

This comprehensive qualification gives you the practical skills and confidence to present a fully resolved residential scheme and launch your career as a professional Interior Decorator.

Units of Study

Foundations of Design and Colour

Embrace core skills from concept development and drawing to the elements and principles of design and composition. Develop an understanding of the design industry, work practices and opportunities.

Explore the inspiring world of colour and learn how to create dynamic schemes. Be introduced to colour theory, schemes and psychology as well as the manipulation of space using colour. Explore the technicalities of paint and develop paint specifications.

Interior Planning and Design

Learn the fundamentals of interior design, site evaluation, space planning for kitchens, bathrooms, living and outdoor spaces.

Interior Schemes and 3D Visualisation

Explore all aspects of interior decoration including furniture, textiles, upholstery and window treatments. Learn how to construct an interior scheme and present professional sample boards and specifications.

Visualise your designs in three dimensions through sketching, model making and perspective drawing. You will use rendering techniques to create professional presentations for your clients.

Residential Decoration

Prepare for the world of professional design by working on a real residential project –from initial client briefing right through to the final presentation. Learn the business skills to get started in the industry.



Graduate - Laura Downie
Designer & Stylist, Studio 1 Interiors



Diploma of Interior Design (MSF50218)

Become a creative problem solver with this industry focused qualification in interior design. You'll explore a range of real residential and commercial design projects including retail, hospitality and office spaces. You'll present your ideas with detailed documentation and impressive 3D renders.

Graduate with a career ready portfolio and the real world skills to thrive as a professional Interior Designer.

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SketchUp for Designers

Create realistic floor plans and interior models using SketchUp then apply a rendering tool. This user-friendly program enables you to create photorealistic visuals that will enhance your portfolio.

AutoCAD and Interior Construction

Learn the fundamentals of interior building construction. Create an impressive collection of precise residential floorplans and elevations to add to your portfolio.

Revit for Designers

Learn how to navigate this essential industry standard BIM modelling software. Design and build sophisticated interior spaces and create realistic 3D presentations of your working model.

Residential Planning

Design, plan and model residential spaces by manipulating 3D space using extensions, voids and stairs. You'll present your ideas using a range of 2D and 3D media.

Advanced Colour and Finishes

With a focus on sustainable design practices, you will explore and develop advanced colour schemes and material selections for interior, exterior and public spaces.

Small Commercial Design

Extend your research and conceptualisation skills on a range of small commercial projects. Create dynamic interior, exterior and commercial colour schemes and learn about colour trends.

Workplace Design

Explore the exciting and fast moving world of workplace design including office and retail spaces. Create a joinery package to showcase your documentation skills to potential employers.

Hospitality Design

Develop and apply your conceptual design skills to a range of hospitality spaces including bars and restaurants. Prepare a professional resume and portfolio of work for graduation.



Advanced Diploma of Interior Design (MSF60118)

This immersive course will make you a big picture thinker with the practical skills to work on complex residential and commercial projects. Push the boundaries and specialise in an area of design that you love with the support of a hand-picked industry mentor.

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Hotel Design

Explore the operational and functional aspects of hotel design. Be part of a small design team and learn how to pitch yourself.

Retail Design

Embrace the latest thinking on retail roll-outs. Prepare an industry standard documentation package for your portfolio.

Commercial Design Projects

Explore the specialist areas of aged care, retirement living or education. Develop your signature style with the guidance of an industry mentor.

Study options

Join us on campus in January or July. If you're not sure which course is right for you make a time to talk to our Course Advisor.

Certificate IV in Interior Decoration (MSF40118)

2 days per week for 6 months

AUD \$11,980

Diploma of Interior Design (MSF50218)

2 days per week for 18 months / or

3 days per week for 12 months

AUD \$29,090

Advanced Diploma of Interior Design (MSF60118)

3 days per week for 18 months / or

2 days per week for 18 months then 3 days per week for 6 months (total 24 months)

AUD \$39,990



“The second you step onto the campus you will feel at home. The inspiring and supportive community that you are surrounded by every day is enough to make the experience worth it.”

American International Student,
Emily Meehan





Our Educators
bring passion
and energy into
the classroom.

Design taught by
Interior Designers

Coming from diverse backgrounds in interior design, decoration, styling and architecture, our Educators are all practising professionals. They bring a wealth of real world experience into our studios ensuring that our course content remains highly relevant. We're committed to keeping our class sizes under eighteen students, ensuring that you get lots of one on one support and mentoring.





SDS Connect, provides individual career advice and coaching.

We get you connected

Our Careers Coach will help you make the most of your experience of living and studying in Sydney whether you are looking to work part time whilst studying or looking to secure an internship in the industry.

International students can work for up to 40 hours per fortnight which is a great way for you to practice your skills and meet new people. We'll help you to identify a personal career path and develop a compelling resume and strategy for finding your first role in the industry.



Be supported while you study

We understand that living and studying in Australia might be a new environment for some students with different laws, culture and customs.

We want our international students to have a positive, life enhancing experience in Sydney. You'll be supported from day one with a comprehensive orientation of the city and your school, followed by regular progress meetings with our team.

We host regular events,
guest speakers and seminars
to share our professional
connections and industry
insights with you.

Can't join us in Sydney?

Option 1 / Learn live online

Our new Live Online classes give you the experience of learning with classmates and inspiring Educators, but from the comfort of home.

Depending on your location, the guided Zoom classes may be early morning, or they could be late afternoon or early evening in your timezone.

**Certificate IV in Interior Decoration
(MSF40118)**

2 days per week online for 6 months

9.30am – 3pm AEST / or

2 evenings per week online for 12 months

6.15pm – 9.15pm AEST

AUD \$8,290

**Diploma of Interior Design
(MSF50218)**

2 days per week online for 18 months

9.30am - 3pm AEST

AUD \$18,990



Can't join us in Sydney?

Option 2 / Learn self-paced online

Did you know we have an online partner school? You can study our world class accredited courses anywhere in the world at your own pace online.

You'll access the same high quality content and be supported by our passionate Educators by phone, email or video call.

Apply online at
interiordesignonline.com

Certificate IV in Interior Decoration
(MSF40118)

1-2 years online

AUD \$7,675

Certificate IV in Design
(Styling and Creative Direction)
(CUA40715)

1-2 years online

AUD \$7,675

Diploma of Interior Design
(MSF50218)

2-3 years online

AUD \$16,945

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