

Our Essential Guide for School Leavers



Sydney
DesignSchool

What is interior design?

Interior design is human-centered. It's the art of transforming spaces to make them function better, to look beautiful and to actively improve the wellbeing of all who use them. From our homes to our local cafe, our schools and workplaces, interiors have a huge impact on the way we feel and behave.

What does an Interior Designer do?

An Interior Designer is a creative problem solver. They analyse existing spaces or create new ones and work out how to make them better. Using layout, colour, lighting, furniture and surfaces they transform the feeling and function of an interior in answer to a specific brief.



What qualifications does Sydney Design School offer?

Diploma of Interior Design (MSF50222)

/ 12 months 3 days per week
/ January and July intakes

Advanced Diploma of Interior Design (MSF60122)

/ 18 months 3 days per week
/ January and July intakes

Other courses and longer durations also available. See our website for more details.

Our accredited qualifications are recognised around Australia and internationally. Graduates can apply for direct entry and a credit into the Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Hons) at UNSW Sydney. No ATAR required.

What will I learn?

We're passionate about small classes and hands-on learning delivered by experienced Interior Designers, Architects and Artists. We believe a high quality education starts with the fundamentals. You'll start with sketching, drawing and colour theory before building your spatial awareness through model making.

Our residential major project challenges you to develop an interior scheme for a real client, planning the layout and selecting finishes and furniture. Learn to think conceptually and present your ideas with 3D modelling software. Every project you complete from homes to cafes, retail stores, offices, restaurants and hotels will contribute to your final portfolio, displaying your work-ready documentation skills.



Be inspired by graduate Jenna Ritchie

“My Careers Advisor told me about Sydney Design School so I went to an Open Day. I knew that I had to study there. I've found lasting friendships - when you're around like-minded people it's easy to form a bond.”



Jenna came to us fresh from high school and grew in skills, confidence and creativity in just 18 months, graduating with an Advanced Diploma of Interior Design. Thanks to our partnership with UNSW she qualified for direct entry into an Interior Architecture degree with an 18 month study credit. We love this apartment Jenna created for her Advanced Diploma design specialisation project, it was included in Dezeen's top 10 international design schools feature.



Will I need an ATAR?

No ATAR required. Simply bring your passion and enthusiasm for the world of design. You'll work on real projects for real clients, with no exams.

How will I find a job?

Our Careers Coach is on hand from day one to provide personal mentoring, internships and job opportunities. We've integrated our career service into your student experience enabling you to graduate with a clear direction and industry connections. We're proud to say that over 90% of job seeking graduates are working in the industry within 6 months.



Lucy Playle designed event, retail and dining spaces for her Diploma hospitality project.

How do I apply?

- 1 / Grab a friend or parent and come along to an Info Session or Open Day. You can register for our next event on our website.
- 2 / Select your course and apply online.
- 3 / Our team will be in touch to arrange an informal interview and discuss your payment options including VET Student Loans.
- 4 / Join us in our studios! Get started in January or July each year.

“We value passion and creative thinking over exam results. Our studios have a creative vibe, where students are hands-on every day.”

Amanda Grace, Founder and Director

