Consumer and Design Sciences

The Department of Consumer and Design Sciences focuses on consumers' interactions with their near physical environment. Two majors are offered: 1) Apparel Merchandising, Design and Production Management, and 2) Interior Design. These curricula focus on principles of design, product development, management, marketing science and technology, and consumer behavior. Majors in these curricula may lead to careers in business, industry, and government which apply knowledge to developing, evaluating and merchandising consumer products, interpreting consumers’ wants and needs, informing consumers and designing environmental spaces. A senior-level internship is required in both curricula. Accelerated BS/MS programs are available in AMDP and INDS. Please contact department for additional information.

Apparel Merchandising, Design and Production Management

Apparel Merchandising, Design and Production Management is a professional curriculum with two options: 1) Apparel Merchandising (APME) and 2) Product Design and Production Management (APDP). Diversity within the major allows students to select such varied fields as apparel design, apparel production management, retail sales and/or management, apparel merchandising, retail buying, fashion journalism, and consumer-producer relations. A professionally supervised internship is required. The program is endorsed by the American Apparel and Footwear Association Human Resources Leadership Council.

Academic Standards and Policies: Students in both AMDP options must earn a grade of a C or higher in all prerequisite courses in the major, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0, before being allowed to proceed to the next course in the sequence. Major courses include the Human Sciences college core courses and all required Consumer and Design Sciences courses which are indicated in bold print in the models. Students must earn a grade of C or higher on all required courses in the major to complete graduation requirements.

Interior Design

Interior Design is a four-year bachelor of science program accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). The curriculum focuses on the design of the near environment, the aesthetic and functional aspects of space planning, furnishings and materials, lighting and mechanical equipment, and the integration of these aspects of the built environment to fit the needs of the user. A professionally supervised internship is required. Student work from courses in the major may be retained by the program for accreditation and exhibit purposes.

Academic Standards and Policies: Freshman and transfer students admitted to Auburn University, as well as internal transfer students from within Auburn University, who desire to major in Interior Design, College of Human Sciences, will be admitted to Pre-Interior Design (INDX). The Pre-Interior Design students must complete the first year of Pre-Interior Design course work, i.e., CADS1000 and CADS1100 with a grade of “C” or better in order to be evaluated for possible admission into the Interior Design curriculum. Admission into the Interior Design program (sophomore-senior levels) is limited with a maximum class size of 36 students per year. Admission will be based upon a portfolio review by the Interior Design faculty of the work completed in the Pre-Interior Design course work. Students who have earned at least a C in both CADS1000 and CADS1100, but who are not selected for the Interior Design program because of class size limitations, may be invited to join the program if a space opens up in the program. Course work in the major must be taken in sequence; transfer students should anticipate that additional semesters of study may be required to complete the program.

Students in INDS must earn a grade of a C or higher in all prerequisite courses in the major before being allowed to proceed to the next course in the sequence. Major courses include the Human Sciences College core courses and all required Consumer and Design Sciences courses which are indicated in bold print in the model.

Major

- Apparel Merchandising, Design and Production Management (Apparel Merchandising Option) (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofhumansciences/departmentofconsumeranddesignsciences/apparelmerchandisingoption_major)
- Apparel Merchandising, Design and Production Management (Product Design and Production Management Option) (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofhumansciences/departmentofconsumeranddesignsciences/productdesignandproductionmanagementoption_major)
- Consumer and Design Sciences, ABM
- Interior Design (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/undergraduate/collegeofhumansciences/departmentofconsumeranddesignsciences/interiordesign_major)