S V A School of VISUAL ARTS

BFA INTERIOR DESIGN DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

The BFA Interior Design Department at SVA prepares students to create environments with "wow" factor that also aim to change the world. Taught by award-winning designers, architects and artists, students learn to integrate the latest technology and materials with time-tested processes and principles of design. The faculty and curriculum are guided by a commitment to sustainability, the interplay between art and design, and the responsibility of design to address social issues.

Working in an environment akin to a professional design studio, students are encouraged to think like architects and engineers as much as designers, take creative risks and flex with changes in our culture. With 24/7 access to a 3D AutoCAD lab, students are encouraged to explore the power of both pencil and computer. Because good design begins with good thinking, required coursework deals with the humanities and sciences as well as the history of interiors and architecture.

The Department is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).

2010 - 2011 student population
66 matriculated students

Department chair
Jane Smith, AIA, IIDA

Some notable faculty members
Rick Ekström, AIA, LEED AP, The Oculus Group; Anthony Lee, principal, Honest Struggle Design; Neville Lewis, ASID, FIIDA, consultant; Ralph A. Ottaiano, AIA, LEED AP, Levien & Company, Inc; Mihai Radu, AIA, principal, Mihai Radu Architects, and architect of record, United Nations; Ronnette Riley, principal, Ronnette Riley Architect

Alumni are employed by: Gensler and Associates; SOM; Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK); Mancini Duffy; MTV Networks; Cannon Design; Polo Ralph Lauren; and Beyer Blinder Belle.

Student exhibitions
Graduating seniors present their thesis projects each spring in a gallery exhibition.

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