Description: This major prepares students to plan, design, and furnish the interior space of new and existing homes and commercial buildings. Their aim is to create interior spaces that make people’s lives more comfortable and safer. Interior designers work with clients and architects to find out individual and architectural requirements and preferences. They submit drawings and illustrations of space layouts, lighting/electrical plans, furniture plans, color schemes, material requirements, and cost estimates to the client for approval. Interior Designers have analytical skills and a sense of how people use space in personal living environments or public and work environments. They help choose carpeting, wall coverings, draperies, furniture, lighting fixtures, and other furnishings.

The major at Georgia Southern University gives students the opportunity to learn with a hands-on approach. Students learn outside the classroom during site visits to locations in the region including trips to Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC. Other special events they may take part in are trips to prominent Interior Design firms in New York, Las Vegas, and Atlanta. Each student in the major is required to complete an approved internship.

GPA Requirement: 2.25

College: College of Health and Human Sciences

Department Website: Dept. of Hospitality, Tourism and Family and Consumer Sciences
http://chhs.georgiasouthern.edu/she/?link=undergraduate/inds/home&sm=1

Degree(s) Offered: Bachelor of Science in Interior Design (CIDA Accredited)

Job Titles:
- Color Consultant
- Commercial Designer
- Residential Designer
- Hospitality Designer
- Lighting Designer
- Furniture/Product designer
- Kitchen/Bath designer
- Space Planner
- Set Designer
- Fabric designer
- Historic Preservationist

***For more detailed information regarding typical duties, salary, training, etc please look at the Occupational Outlook Handbook online at http://www.bls.gov/OCO/.
Possible Employment Settings:
- Airlines, Automobile and Yacht Manufacturers
- Architectural and Engineering firms
- Furnishing manufacturers and distributors
- Furniture stores and studios
- Interior design firms
- Kitchen & bath design firms
- Hospitality Firms
- Restoration Contractors and general contracting firms
- Real Estate Development Companies
- Schools, Universities (designing/teaching)

Internet Resources:
- Interior Design Directory  http://www.i-d-d.com
- Foundation for Interior Design Education Research  http://interiordesign.lovetoknow.com
- Interior Design  www.interiordesign.net
- Careers in Interior Design  http://www.careersininteriordesign.com/

Professional Organizations:
- International Interior Design Association (IIDA)  http://www.iida.com
- American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)  http://www.asid.org
- National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ)  http://www.ncidq.org
- Organization for Black Designers (OBD)  http://www.core77.com/OBD
- International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD)  http://www.iald.org

Student Organizations:
- American Society of Interior Designers, GSU Chapter
- GSU-FACS Student Affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Resources for salary information:
- FOCUS 2 Career:  tiny.cc/gsufocus