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THE WORLD**

# DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR DESIGN

Judson's new Interior Design Program builds on a very successful architecture curriculum. Students earn a minor in architectural studies while completing the professional Interior Design curriculum in the third and fourth year of study. The program is in a context of an evangelical Christian institution, unique in the Chicago area. Environmental stewardship is a design philosophy that guides the program and its approach to design education.

## PROGRAM DISTINCTIVES

- Interior Design students are immersed in a strong architectural foundation and earn a minor in Architectural studies.
- Courses and faculty are shared with the Art and Architecture programs.
- Proximity to Chicago: Merchandise Mart, industry, culture and history, art museums and design venues offer many educational enrichments found only in Chicago.
- Chicago is the quintessential American design city full of professional, networking, and employment opportunities.
- Judson's low student-to-teacher ratio fosters strong learning outcomes and the development of professional mentor relationships with faculty.
- Judson's smaller size promotes lifelong friendships through Christian culture and values.
- Effective student-to-student learning is reinforced through sharing and collaborating between programs and in studios.
- LEED-Gold facility with dedicated studio space just for the Department of of Architecture and Interior Design.
- Travel and study abroad options are built into programs for the Department of of Architecture and Interior Design.

### SAMPLE CLASSES

- Professional, Practice, Ethics in Portfolio
- Digital Design Simulation
- Integrative Interior Design

**STUDIOS:** *Space Planning, Residential, Kitchen and Bath Design, Commercial Contract and Healthcare Design*

- Advanced Lighting Case Studies
- Textiles and Materials

Judson's Art, Design and Architecture's Lecture and Exhibit Series brings in gallery exhibitions from architects and artists from around the world. Students also showcase their work in the gallery beginning each fall with the drawings and work from students who attend the Summer Architecture Study Tour. Judson's Art, Design and Architecture Department also attracts area architects to their two symposiums, one held each system. The Design Discovery Workshop, held each summer for high school students allows those interested in architecture to learn more about the field, work on projects, live on campus and sample the rich architecture of Chicago.



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## CAREER PATHWAYS

Students with a bachelors degree in Interior Design are prepared to enter a wide range of design practices. Many states require a license to practice Interior Design. The Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) identifies several tracks toward earning the license to practice in most states. The Judson program prepares students to take part 1 of the exam (IDFX) their senior year. NCIDQ Certification is required for the practice of many types of interior design in regulated jurisdictions throughout North America. Certification enables designers to easily validate their knowledge, experience and skill to employers and clients alike. Designers certified through the NCIDQ Examination gain wide industry visibility and recognition, seeking careers as:

- Interior Design Consultant/Coordinator
- Residential Interior Designer
- Commercial Interior Designer
- Interiors Coordinator
- Kitchen /Bath Designer
- Product Resource Specialist
- Architectural Specifier
- Materials/Specifications Specialist
- Occupancy Planner
- Workplace Solutions Specialist
- Workplace Planner
- Facilities Planner
- Facilities Solutions Specialist
- Coordinator of Interiors and Moves
- Tenant Improvements Coordinator
- FF&E Designer/Coordinator
- Project Designer



## ALUMNI & FACULTY

### RACHEL GAFRICK, 2022, COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DESIGNER FOR KIRKSEY ARCHITECTURE

"The Interior Design program at Judson University involved many facets of design and learning how a building is constructed. By having the program paired with two years of architecture and building construction, it sets the standard for the basis of design and its process. There are multiple opportunities to participate in mentorship and networking with fellow professors, who genuinely care for the student's well-being and path to a professional career. I will always cherish the guidance and discipline that was instilled during my years at Judson and would encourage all students to participate in doing so!"

### DR. EDGARDO PEREZ MALDONADO, CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

"If you are interested in being a part of the design community as an interior design student within a Christian context, then the Judson community is the university for you. Judson University is also the only evangelical Christian college to offer an Interior Design degree as part of a Department of Art & Design and a Department of Architecture. With these associated disciplines in our school, the interior design graduate will have a deeper understanding of the design of interior environments and the relationship to a Christian worldview."

## ABOUT JUDSON

Judson University is a Top-Tier College of Regional Colleges in the Midwest, according U.S. News and World Report. A fully accredited, private Christian university of the liberal arts, sciences and professions, Judson offers more than 60 programs of study. At least 90% of recent graduates have participated in an internship, practicum or field experience. Students also can experience new cultures through mission trips or take advantage of 30+ study abroad or off-campus opportunities. Located just 36 minutes northwest of downtown Chicago, we offer a close-knit, Christian community with the benefits of a large urban setting, ideal for cultural activities, internships and life after graduation.

## FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Financial Aid exists to put Judson University in reach for students like you. In fact, about 99% of Judson students receive financial assistance in the form of merit scholarships, institutional awards and grants, and federal and/or state assistance, as well as low-interest student loans and work study.

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