Course Information Booklet

What is the course?

The course is An Introduction to Interior Design.

This is a comprehensive, home-study online course, packed with photographs, step-by-step guides and practical tasks and assignments.

Who is the course for?

The course is ideal for complete beginners or for those with some home styling experience. As long as you have a passion for interiors, are keen to learn new skills and want practical, hands-on learning, this is the right course for you.

An Introduction to Interior Design could be a great first step if you’re dreaming of a new career as an interior designer.

85% of our students go on to work as interior designers after completing this course.

You can read more about them in our Student Successes page on our website.

Students have gone on to run their own consultancies, work as online interior experts, be fabric designers, become property developers and write their own interior advice columns.

If you have an interest in styling, interiors and design and want to gain confidence and learn new skills from interior design professionals – this is the perfect course for you.

Book on this course and we’ll help you unlock your creativity and discover the interior designer in you!
**Practical** - This is a practical, hands-on course, where you will be expected to complete creative tasks – such as making collages and mood boards and drawing scaled floor plans – which will enhance your design skills.

**Flexibility** – The great advantage of this online course is its flexibility and so it is ideal for anyone with a busy lifestyle. By enrolling on *An Introduction to Interior Design*, you will have the freedom to work on the course whenever and wherever you like.

We have students from all over the world studying this course.

You will need to have access to the internet to work on this course. Once you enrol on *An Introduction to Interior Design*, you will have 24 hour access - so you can work on your designs in your own time – giving you flexibility and choice on how to spend your time.

If you prefer to work in your own time and space – it’s the right course for you.

**Skills Needed** - You do not need an art background to do well on this course – but you will need enthusiasm, self-discipline and a commitment to complete the tasks.

You won't be writing essays either – we just need you to explain in a few, simple sentences, some of your design choices. And don’t worry - you don't need to be good at maths to learn how to draw to scale!

If you are an overseas student, you must have a good understanding of English to reach your potential on the course.

Even if it’s been a while since you last studied – or you are not too familiar with the latest technology – just have a go! You should have basic computer skills though and if you want to get feedback from Your Tutor towards the end of the course - be able to 'upload' photographs of your work to a certain size (which is very straightforward and we will give you details of how to do this).

The course is written in easy-to-follow Modules and you will need internet access and an email address to start.
How is the Course Organised and What Will I Learn?

The Course is divided into 8 Modules.

The aim of the course is to achieve 2 Design Projects – a bedroom and bathroom design.

Each Module will help you work towards your final projects and ultimately your final scheme boards and gaining your My Interior Design School qualification.

An Introduction to Interior Design has been designed to give you simple, easy-to-follow advice and information with lots of stunning photographs and visuals to help inspire you, as well as helping you complete your course.

We would advise you to follow the Modules in order, but it’s up to you how you plan your time. There are no deadlines or exams so you can work through the course as you wish.

You will have access to the whole course online for 12 months from the day you enrol – and you can work on the course any time of day or night.

The Visual Library

The course has over 250 photos and visuals for you to refer to in our Visual Library. We hope they will guide and inspire you.
The Modules

Module 1 – Colour in the Home

In this Module, you will take a fascinating look at how colour works in the home.

Colour can play a significant part in interior design and can create an emotional response and atmosphere, as well as adding impact to a scheme.

In Module 1, you will learn about the colour wheel and how colours work together. You’ll be shown how to put triadic, complementary, split-complementary, monochromatic and harmonious schemes together.

Your practical, mood board tasks will help give you the confidence to work with colour in your own designs.

Module 2 – Lighting Design

In this Module you will discover the different types of lighting, where to use them and how to create a lighting design plan.

An often over-looked area of interior design, you’ll find out how lighting can play a key part to an interior design scheme.

Module 3 – Drawing a Scaled Floor Plan

This Module will guide you, with step-by-step visuals, to learn how to draw accurate floor plans to scale – a vital skill for anyone renovating a home or wanting to be an interior designer.
Module 4 – Bedroom Design

Module 4 will help you focus on your Bedroom design – guiding you through the style choices of beds, storage, wall and floor coverings, accessories and soft furnishings.

Module 5 – Bathroom Design

In the second of your Design Projects, you will be asked to design a bathroom.

Module 5 will guide you through the design process – from planning the ergonomics, to sourcing furniture, to floor coverings and creating an appropriate lighting design scheme.

Module 6 – Drawing Scaled Elevations

Now that your Design Assignments are nearly complete, this Module will show you how to draw scaled elevations – a valuable tool for the interior designer or for those working on a specific project in their own home.

Module 7 – How to Create a Scheme Board

Scheme boards can be a stylish way to represent a final design of a room or space.

They are often used in the world of interior design to show a client a representation of how a room may look. In this Module you will be expected to create your own scheme boards for each Design Project.

You will be given top-tips and guidance on the best way to put together a scheme board, to represent your designs.
Module 8 – Evidence and Evaluation

Showing the evidence for and evaluating your design work is an important part of the interior design process.

In this final Module, you will use the templates provided, such as a Tool List Checklist and Time Sheet to help complete the design process.

How long does it take to do the Course?

You can start the course as soon as you enrol.

There are no deadlines, but we do ask that you start within 3 months and complete the course within 12 months of enrolling. This should help you enjoy the course and you can plan around holidays and busier times.

If you are able to dedicate 1 day every 2 weeks to the course, this should give you ample time to complete the course within 12 months.

Help with your Course

Your Personal Tutor

When you enrol with My Interior Design School, you will be assigned a Personal Tutor.

Your Tutor will give you expert advice and written feedback about your scheme board designs, so you can be confident you have learnt the key interior design principles and can create stunning interiors in any home.
Your Course Tool Kit

When you enrol on the course, you will be sent details to access the online area with clear instructions on how to get started.

It is very straightforward and easy to do.

To help keep you on track, you will be given lots of help with your course management via your Course Tool Kit.

Some of the templates and guidance we provide for you include:

- An Assignment List - so you know exactly what to do and when
- A Glossary – for any unfamiliar terms
- Details of how to upload photos of your scheme boards
- A ‘Dear Tutor’ letter to tell us more about your design choices
- How to access the Visual Library
- A Resource List

What qualification will you get?

On successful completion of the course, you will gain a My Interior Design School Certificate.
Who is My Interior Design School?

My Interior Design School is one of the UK’s leading providers of interior design courses in the UK. Students who enrol on An Introduction to Interior Design can be confident of a high-quality, distance learning course.

The School is managed by Rachael Kilby-Tyre, Design Director and Anne Wall, Course Director - who have over 25 years’ experience in delivering exceptional teaching and excellent interior design courses.

All Tutors at the School are fully-qualified to teach interior design.

You can read more about us via our website at www.myinteriordesignschool.com.

We are also on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube and Pinterest.

Design Director, Rachael Kilby-Tyre

Rachael is a qualified Tutor and a successful interior designer with her own interior design consultancy, Absolute Designs Limited.

Rachael has experience in teaching City & Guilds and interior design courses for over 15 years.

She has been awarded the prestigious honour of becoming a British Institute of Interior Design (BIID) member.

As Design Director, Rachael - together with the School's Tutors, will give you feedback and guidance on your design schemes, to help you achieve the most from your course.
Anne Wall, Course Director

Anne has over 25 years' experience managing events - including The Country Living Fair in London and exhibitions around the world, in Dubai, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Anne and her team are on hand to answer any queries you might have about the course and will help you enrol and get started.

Press Coverage about our courses:

My Interior Design School courses are often featured in the UK national and regional Press including:

Homes & Gardens
Cotswold Preview
House Beautiful
Period Living
Cotswold Style
The Independent
Cotswold Life
The English Home
25 Beautiful Homes
Interior Design Today
Real Homes
What Students Say About Our Courses:

“The course was the perfect introduction to the world of interior design. I would recommend anyone embarking on a career in this field or just updating their home to enrol”.
Jan, Worcestershire

“It has been a really inspiring course. I’ve learnt so much and am impatient to learn more”.
Fiona Fullerton, former actress, property investor, property writer and star of Strictly Come Dancing!

“My City & Guilds course was the perfect start to my career in interior design”.
Louise, Warwickshire (Director, Mouse House Interior Design)

“I now work for an interior designer part-time, so this course has led me to changing my profession”.
Jodie, Gloucestershire

“I am enjoying every second of the course”.
Jane, Suffolk

“Thank you, thank you! It was an amazing course – planned to perfection”.
Hannah, Jo Malone Limited, London

“A fabulous course. A big ‘thank you’”.
Debbie Threlfall, Owner, Vinegar Hill Limited

“An inspirational course – congratulations”!
Eve Holmes, Editor, Cotswold Style magazine
“Thank you for a really informative course. It has totally inspired me!”
Lyn, Hamptons International

“I am delighted I found this course. I have enjoyed it so much and I feel so much more confident. You helped me find my ‘thing’. Thank you.”
Kate, Bedfordshire (Owner, Christian Blake Design)

“Just to let you know that I am really enjoying the course and I’m so glad that I took the plunge and decided to go for it.”
Jane, Essex

“I have thoroughly enjoyed the course – particularly the creative side of making the mood and scheme boards. It has been a good introduction to interior design and has fuelled my enthusiasm to carry on and do the Advanced course.”
Jane, Gloucestershire

**Joint ventures**

My Interior Design School has worked with:

Farrow & Ball
John Cullen Lighting
Jo Malone
The Women’s Institute
Lewis & Wood
Why enrol?

Enrolling on this course could literally change your life!

85% of our students who successfully complete the course have gone on to work in the interior design industry. So if you are thinking about a change of career – enrolling on this course could be a fantastic investment for your future.

(We also run a popular 1-day workshop - Business School to help you launch your own interiors business).

By the end of the course, you will have gained a My Interior Design School qualification, new skills, knowledge and the confidence to create your own beautiful designs – for you or for clients.

What does it cost?

The course costs just £299.

(Please visit our website or refer to the attached Enrolment Form for more details about the payment method or contact Anne Wall, Course Director, to help arrange your enrolment).

Don’t forget that you can enrol on to our Advanced Interior Design course too.

Book both courses at the same time and save over £100!
Buy the 2 courses for only £695.
I am really keen to enrol, what do I do now?

You can enrol today!

Simply visit the website and follow the details on the ‘Bookings’ page or complete and return the Enrolment Form attached - remembering to fill in the ‘About You’ questions. We will ask you to post us or scan and email us your Enrolment Form – after that, all contact with us will be via email and online.

Once we receive your Enrolment and payment, we will send you details about how to access the course; so you can get started straight away.

We look forward to you joining us at My Interior Design School.