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# BA (Hons) Interior Design

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## **A. Programme Information**

Interior design is an idea and aesthetics-driven discipline. It is generally multidisciplinary as interior designers work with architects, landscape designers and industrial designers on medium to large scale projects.

The thrust of this BA (Hons) programme is sustainable interior design. It is widely acknowledged that this aspect of 'living' has been much neglected in Mauritius. Mauritian households deem 'sustainable interior design' to be an expense rather than an investment that would potentially augment their quality of life and mitigate adverse environmental impacts. Strong emphasis is placed on acquisition and development of skills relating to the concept of sustainability and eventually leave the planet in better shape than it is, for the benefit of future generations.

## **B. Programme Aims**

The aim of this programme is to produce professional interior designers that would positively develop an ability to be independent and influential thinkers capable to generate imaginative, innovative ideas, concepts and solutions for a commercial, domestic and leisure interiors.

## **C. Programme Objectives**

- To introduce fresh concepts and new thinking in the area of interior design;
- To develop an awareness of the environmental, aesthetic, economic and health and safety implications of sustainable interior design;
- To explore the research, the design process and its application to built environment;
- To identify consumer needs and requirements;
- To keep up to date with trends and ongoing changes in the field;
- To abreast of the importance of research and development in designing interiors.

## **D. General Entry Requirements**

As per General Entry Requirements for admission to the University of Technology, Mauritius (UTM), for Undergraduate Degrees.

## **E. Programme Entry Requirements**

Five credits at SC/ 'O' Level.

Any 2 GCE 'A' Level Passes.

OR

a Foundation in Art, Design or in a design-related subject awarded by a recognised awarding body

OR

alternative qualifications acceptable to the UTM.

*When applicants score the same grades, preference will be given to candidates having studied fashion and design-related subjects at 'A' level, such as Design and Technology, Art, and Design-related subjects.*

(Applicants not holding 'A' level passes in Art or design related subjects are required to join this programme through the Diploma in Foundations studies-Art and Design - pathway).

## F. Programme Mode and Duration

	Full Time (Years)	Part Time (Years)
BA (Hons)	3	4 1/2
Diploma:	2	3
Certificate	1	1 1/2

## G. Teaching and Learning Strategies

Learners will develop critical and analytical problem solving skills and general transferable skills and be prepared for a broad range of employment or entrepreneurial opportunities. Industrial relevance and commercial practice have been given due attention.

## H. Student Support and Guidance

In addition to traditional lectures, group tutorials or individual tutorials are arranged for students.

## I. Attendance Requirements

As per UTM's Regulations and Policy.

## J. Credit System

1 module = 3 credits

## K. Student Progress and Assessment

### Assessment

#### Examinable Modules

The following modules will be examinable modules:

FDI 1101, FDI 1301, FDI 1302, FDI 1401, MGMT 1102, FDI 2501, SMKG 1401, SMKG 3301  
SSDV 3502, FDI 2305

Overall assessment will be based on a written examination of 2-hour duration and on continuous assessment carried out during the semester.

Written examinations for all modules taught in a given semester will be carried out at the end of the semester (unless otherwise stated).

The continuous assessment will count for 30-40% of the overall percentage mark of the module(s). Continuous assessment may be based on studio work, mini-project work, reports, essays, seminars and/or assignments and should include at least one class test.

A minimum of at least 40% should be attained in each of continuous assessment and written examination or oral examination.

## Modules Evaluated on the Basis of Continuous Assessment

The following modules will be assessed entirely on continuous assessment:

FDI1201, FDI1202, VLEN1103, FDI1102, FDI1203, FDI1204, FDI1103, FDI1104, FDI2105, FDI2106, FDI2107, FDI2206, FDI 2402, FDI3000, FDI3002, FDI3001, FDI3003, FDI2303, FDI 2304, FDI2205,

The range of assessment methods are dependent upon the module and may include visual research and development work, design work, mini-project work, reports, essays, and verbal presentations. The pass mark for modules assessed solely on continuous assessment will be 50%.

Exchange students who have registered only for one semester would be examined or assessed as per usual procedures and credits assigned accordingly.

## Work placement

The Work Placement I & II are prerequisites and reports submission are mandatory to entry to year 3 programme. Students are required to spend a minimum of 8 weeks in industry to familiarise themselves with the work set up and work practices. This work placement is to be carried out during the July/August School break at the end of year 1.

## Grading

Grade	Marks x (%)
A	$x \geq 70$
A-	$65 \leq x < 70$
B	$60 \leq x < 65$
B-	$55 \leq x < 60$
C	$50 \leq x < 55$
C-	$45 \leq x < 50$
D	$40 \leq x < 45$
F	$x < 40$
A-D	Pass
F	Fail

## L. Evaluation of Performance

BA (Hons)	108 credits
Diploma	72 credits
Certificate	36 credits

## M. Award Classification

Overall weighted mark $y$ (%)	Classification
$y \geq 70$	1st class honours
$60 \leq y < 70$	2nd Class 1st Division Honours
$50 \leq y < 60$	2nd Class 2nd Division Honours
$45 \leq y < 50$	3rd Class Honours
$40 \leq y < 45$	Pass Degree
$y < 40$	No Award

## N. Programme Organisation and Management

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## PART II – PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

### O. BA (HONS) INTERIOR DESIGN – Full Time

YEAR 1								
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk		Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk	
		L	P				L	P
<b>CORE MODULES</b>								
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>				<b>SEMESTER 2</b>				
FDI 1101	<i>History of Contemporary Art &amp; Design</i>	3+0	3	FDI 1203	<i>Interior Design Graphics I</i>	1+3	3	
FDI 1301	<i>Materials &amp; Sustainable Design</i>	3+0	3	FDI 1204	<i>CAD &amp; Digital Media 1</i>	1+3	3	
FDI 1201	<i>Sketching &amp; Illustration Techniques</i>	1+3	3	FDI 1302	<i>Design, Technology &amp; the Environment</i>	3+0	3	
FDI 1202	<i>Visual Design Communication</i>	1+3	3	FDI 1103	<i>Design Process: From Concept to Marketplace</i>	2+1	3	
VLEN 1103	<i>Introduction to Information Technology</i>	2+1	3	FDI 1401	<i>Skills for Professional Practice</i>	2+1	3	
FDI 1102	<i>Introduction to Interior Design</i>	3+0	3	MGMT 1102	<i>Business Management</i>	3+0	3	
→ Start of Level 1				End of Level 1 →				
<b>Work Placement I</b>								
YEAR 2								
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>				<b>SEMESTER 2</b>				
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk		Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk	
		L	P				L	P
<b>CORE MODULES</b>								
FDI 2205	<i>Interior Design Graphics II</i>	1+3	3	FDI 2105	<i>Lighting Design for Interior</i>	3+0	3	
FDI 2303	<i>Green Buildings</i>	1+3	3	FDI 2106	<i>Residential &amp; Commercial Interior Design II</i>	0+3	3	
FDI 2304	<i>Building Science &amp; Construction</i>	3+1	3	FDI 2107	<i>Furniture Design</i>	1+3	3	
FDI 1104	<i>Residential &amp; Commercial Interior Design I</i>	3+1	3	FDI 2206	<i>Model Making for Interiors</i>	1+3	3	
FDI 2501	<i>Contract Law (Droit des Contrats et Régime des Obligations)</i>	3+0	3	FDI 2402	<i>Exhibition Design</i>	0+3	3	
SMKG 1401	<i>Consumer Behaviour</i>	3+0	3	FDI 2305	<i>Introduction to Project Management</i>	3+1	3	
→ Start of Level 2				End of level 2				
<b>Work Placement II</b>								

YEAR 3									
SEMESTER 1				SEMESTER 2					
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk		Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk		Credits
		L	P				L	P	
<i>FDI 3000</i>	<i>Interior Design Project I</i>			<i>6</i>	<i>FDI 3001</i>	<i>Interior Design Project II</i>			<i>6</i>
<i>SMKG3301</i>	<i>Marketing Research</i>	<i>3 + 0</i>		<i>3</i>					
<i>SSDV 3502</i>	<i>Entrepreneurship</i>	<i>3+1</i>		<i>3</i>					
<i>FDI 3002</i>	<i>Structured Studio Workshop1</i>			<i>9</i>	<i>FDI 3003</i>	<i>Structured Studio Workshop 2</i>			<i>9</i>
→	<i>Start of Level 3</i>				<i>End of Level 3</i>			→	

**BA (Hons) INTERIOR DESIGN –PART TIME**

YEAR 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits
FDI 1101	History of Contemporary Art & Design	3+0	3	FDI 1202	Visual Design Communication	1+3	3
VLEN 1103	Introduction to Information Technology	2+1	3	FDI 1301	Materials & Sustainable Design	3+0	3
FDI 1201	Sketching & Illustration Techniques	1+3	3	FDI 1203	Interior Design Graphics I	1+3	3
FDI 1102	Introduction to Interior Design	3+0	3	FDI 1204	CAD & Digital Media I	1+3	3
→Start of Level 1				Work Placement I			
YEAR 2							
Semester 3				Semester 1			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits
FDI 1302	Design, Technology & the Environment	3+0	3	FDI 2205	Interior Design Graphics II	1+3	3
FDI 1103	Design Process: From Concept to Marketplace	2+1	3	FDI 2303	Green Building	1+3	3
FDI 1401	Skills for Professional Practice	2+1	3	FDI 2304	Building Science & Construction	3+1	3
MGMT 1102	Business Management	3+0	3	FDI 1104	Residential & Commercial Interior Design I	3+1	3
End of Level 1 →- TOTAL CREDITS 36				→Start of Level 2			
Work Placement I							
YEAR 3							
Semester 2				Semester 3			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits
FDI 2501	Contract Law (Droit des Contrats et Régime des Obligations)	3 + 0	3	FDI 2107	Furniture Design	1+3	3
FDI 2105	Lighting Design for Interiors	3 + 0	3	FDI 2206	Model Making for Interiors	1+3	3
SMKG 1401	Consumer Behaviour	3+0	3	FDI 2305	Introduction to Project Management	3+1	3
FDI 2106	Residential & Commercial Interior Design II	0+3	3	FDI 2402	Exhibition Design	0+3	3
				End of level 2 - TOTAL CREDITS 72			
				Work Placement II			



YEAR 4							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits	Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits
FDI 3000	Interior Design Project I	-	6	FDI 3001	Interior Design Project II	-	6
SMKG3301	Marketing Research	3+0	3	SSDV 3502	Entrepreneurship	3+1	3
FDI 3002	Structured Studio Workshop1	-		FDI 3003	Structured Studio Workshop 1	-	9
→ Start of Level 3							
YEAR 5							
Semester 1							
Code	Modules	Hrs/Wk L P	Credits				
FDI 3003	Structured Studio Workshop2		9				
End of Level 3→							