



Interior Design by The Numbers

Villa Maria College offers both an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree and a Baccalaureate of Fine Arts (BFA) Degree. Anyone can enroll in a certificate program in either Historic Preservation or Furniture Design, however, Interior Design BFA students can earn one certificate concurrently with their program requirements. The second certificate would require two additional elective courses. Part time students taking 11 credits per semester can earn an AAS degree in typically 3 years and a BFA degree in typically 6 years. Full time students can take up to 18 credits per semester and will earn an AAS degree in typically 2 years and a BFA degree in typically 4 years.

The following information is a compilation of data collected using institutional records, interviews and surveys.

Student Attrition and Retention:

The Fall of 2020 saw a freshman class of 5 students. One student left the program early in the semester. Of the 4 remaining students 100% returned for the Fall 2021 semester and a transfer student joined the cohort to bring the enrollment back to 5.

Graduation Rates:

Students graduating with an Interior Design BFA degree in 2020 were either part time students or transfer students. 100% of the students completed their degrees in typical or less than typical time.

Acceptance into Graduate Programs:

For the academic year 2019-2020 no students applied to graduate school.

According to information available to academic advisors, for the past 10 years the program continues to have 100% acceptance to graduate school as well as a 100% completion rate.

Job Placement Rates:

100% of the students graduating in 2020 are working full time in the interior design field, receiving job offers prior to graduation from their internship sites.

Recent Student Success by the Numbers:

In 2018-2019 the Interior Design BFA program had 10 graduates. Nine out of ten students were employed in the interior design field within 3 months of graduation and the tenth student was accepted into graduate school and has almost completed her Masters of Architecture

In 2017-2018 the Interior Design BFA program had 3 graduates. One student received her full time job offer weeks prior to graduation and has now earned her WELL AP. One student was accepted into graduate school and has now earned her Masters of Science in Architecture specializing in Historic Preservation. One student was hired full time by her internship site shortly after graduation.