

Interior Design by The Numbers

Villa Maria College offers an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree a Baccalaureate of Fine Arts (BFA) Degree and certificate programs in Historic Preservation and Furniture Design. Interior Design BFA students can earn one certificate concurrently with their program requirements. The second certificate requires two additional elective courses. Part time students taking 11 credits per semester can earn an AAS degree typically in 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 2021 saw a freshman class of 13 students. Three students left the program after their freshman year. Of the 10 remaining students 100% returned for the Fall 2022 semester and two transfer students joined the cohort to bring the enrollment to 12.

Graduation Rates:

100% of the 10 full time BFA students graduating in 2021 completed their degrees in 4 years. Of the six students graduating in 2022, five completed the BFA degree in 4 years and one stayed an extra year to complete a minor in business administration.

Acceptance into Graduate Programs:

For the academic year 2020-2021 no students applied to graduate school.

For the academic year 2021-2022 one student applied and was accepted to graduate school. She is currently enrolled in a Masters of Architecture program.

According to information available to academic advisors, for the past 12 years the program continues to have 100% acceptance to graduate school as well as a 100% completion rate.

Job Placement Rates:

Of the 10 students graduating in 2021 one student did a year of service with AmeriCorps and is currently working in an interior design related field. Eight obtained full time employment in the interior design field within 3 months of graduation and one student has not provided information. Of the six students graduating in 2022 one is attending graduate school and 100% of the remaining students are working full time in the interior design field, obtaining positions within 2 months of graduating.

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