






# INTERIOR DESIGN

Degree Level: Undergraduate



 Qualification type	 Location	 Study mode	 Delivery Language	 Duration
Bachelor's Degree	Main Campus	Full Time	English	Four Years

## KEY FACTS

### SDG



### NQF\*

In process

### BQA\*\*

Adequate Progress (2019)

### Internship

Yes

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## OVERVIEW

The Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design at Ahlia University aims to attract imaginative students from varied study backgrounds, ages, gender, and nationalities to develop their knowledge, skills and attributes transform them into professional innovators in the interior design of built environments. The programme introduces an integrated design approach of the interior space as a holistic environment composed of physical space, along with the people and the surrounding furniture, objects, activities & interactions within this space. In stimulating studio-based educational environments, students are taught, learn, and work collaboratively to gain the design experiences of several types of interior environments. In the studios the students are supported by theoretical, historical and technical knowledge and practice; in a teamwork environment the students cultivate their oral, written and visual communication skills. In order to meet the industry demands, our students are empowered by problem solving, critical intellect and futuristic thinking skills. Associated with self-development, teamwork and leadership, our graduates are resourceful in a wide spectrum of design fields including interiors architecture, furniture, gardens, T.V & theater set design, exhibitions & event planning. Additionally, their awareness on sustainability and the socio-cultural issues on Green Design can qualify them to deal creatively with the challenges of human health, lifestyles and communities' development in Bahrain and beyond.

## PROGRAMME AIMS

The aim of the programme is to:

- To equip learners with depth and breath of knowledge and skills to express competence in the field of interior design in accordance with local, regional, and international standards.
- To equip learners with transferable skills to respond to global challenges such as climate change and unexpected pandemics while maintaining aesthetics and functional design outcomes.
- To equip learners with practical abilities in conceptualization, holistic design, and project communication with professionals and clients.
- To empower learners to successfully pursue careers as interior designers motivated to engage in research and sustainable life-long learning in ways that serve the societal needs.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Employer Survey	<div><div></div></div>	89.14%
Student Satisfaction Survey	<div><div></div></div>	85%
Alumni Survey	<div><div></div></div>	84.54%
External Advisory Board	<div><div></div></div>	87.33%
Internship Survey	<div><div></div></div>	83.91%

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission to Ahlia University (AU) is selective based on academic achievements. Applications are welcomed from all students regardless of race, color, gender, religion, nationality, physical or learning disability. Admission is purely based on merit.

### General Requirements

To be eligible for consideration for admission to the undergraduate programmes, applicants must meet the entry requirements set by the university in-line with Bahrain Higher Education Council requirements. All applicants must hold a recognized and endorsed secondary school certificate or its equivalent.

### Specific Requirements

The applicants who meet the following programme specific admission requirements will be admitted to the bachelor's degree in Interior Design:

College	COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
Programme	BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN INTERIOR DESIGN (BSID)
Academic Scores (Tawjihi or CGPA)	60% and above - Unconditional Acceptance
Specialization / Tracks	All educational tracks are accepted
Proficiency Skills (Aptitude Test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All applicants need to score at least 60% in the BSID aptitude test.</li> <li>Applicants who score between 50%-59.9% in the BSID aptitude test must pass an interview at the department level and submit a portfolio</li> </ul>
Work Experience	NA
Professional Courses/Certificates	NA
Transfer Students	Applicants transferring from other undergraduate programmes are subject to the above admission criteria in line with Ahlia University External Transfer policy

\*NA - Not Applicable

### English Proficiency Skills Requirements

Applicants who fulfill one of the following English proficiency skills will be exempted from English orientation courses:

Criteria	Score
Overall Score in Secondary School Certificate (Tawjihia) or its Equivalent	≥ 85%
Average Score in English Language Courses studied in the Secondary School Certificate (Tawjihia) or its Equivalent	≥ 85%
Private Schools - where English Language is used as a mean of instruction	Exempted
TOFEL	≥ 500 or its equivalent
IELTS	≥ 5.0 or its equivalent
Pass English Placement Test	60% minimum

### Mathematics Proficiency Skills Requirements

Applicants who fulfill one of the following Mathematics proficiency skills will be exempted from the mathematics orientation courses:

Criteria	Score
Overall Score in Secondary School Certificate (Tawjihia) or its Equivalent	≥ 85%
Average Score in Mathematics Courses studied in the Secondary School Certificate (Tawjihia) or its Equivalent	≥ 85%
Pass Mathematics Placement Test	60% minimum

## STUDY PLAN

### First Year

The curriculum for the Interior Design programme includes study of space, form, colour, and light in collaboration with the pragmatic investigation of building codes, materials, finishes, construction methods and business practices. An important focus is on the history of interior environments.

This four-year, undergraduate programme is for the student interested in becoming a professional interior designer. The professional interior designer is a person qualified by education, experience, and examination.

### Second Year

In year two students develop knowledge and skill bases in interior design that will prepare them for upper level interior design studio courses to enable successful entry into the interior design profession.

### Third Year

In year three the students will further their studies to gain greater knowledge and skill bases in interior design that will prepare them for upper level interior design studio courses and so help students to progress to the final year.

### Fourth Year

The senior year culminates with a thesis project which requires students to develop a body of research on a particular issue of interior design, which they then develop as a design project at the end of fall semester.

## FEES

Structured around 134 credit-hours covering 45 courses. The duration of study for each course is fifteen weeks, covering approximately 45 lecture hours.

Application Fee	BD 20
Registration Fee	BD 200
Placement Tests Fee (if applicable)	BD 40
Orientation Courses (if applicable)	BD 1,200
100 Level Courses 12 courses (BD 300 Per Course)	BD 3,600
200 Level Courses 11 courses (BD 330 Per Course)	BD 3,630
300 Level Courses 11 courses (BD 360 Per Course)	BD 3,960
400 Level Courses - 11 courses (BD 390 Per Course)	BD 4,290

### TOTAL

**BD 16,940**