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## **MOUNT MARY COLLEGE INTERIOR DESIGN DEPARTMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

**Q. Will my interior design credits from a two year institution transfer to Mount Mary College?**

A. The content of the course and the quality of your work will be assessed by interior design faculty. Only foundation courses will be eligible for transfer.

**Q. Will my interior design credits from a four year institution transfer to Mount Mary College?**

A. Your work and the course content will be assessed on an individual basis to determine if we have a comparable course. The quality is a determining factor as well. Special consideration is given if you are transferring from another CIDA accredited program.

**Q. Do you have a Student ASID organization?**

A. Yes, we have a very active, award winning student ASID organization.

**Q. Will the department assist me in securing an internship?**

A. Yes, we can aid you with your internship selection. Some placements are a continuation of a part time interior design job. Some are located by the students and their peers. Some are posted in the interior design lab. Some are selected by the faculty. You are expected to actively seek opportunities. We encourage you to seek your own opportunities while maintaining dialogue with the College advisor as to appropriateness. You cannot take on an internship until your third level in the Department unless you have permission.

**Q. What sort of career development services are offered through the department?**

A. Faculty members, as well as your peers and alumnae, can aid you in finding that first job after graduation and often many jobs later. We do not promise you employment but try to help you when possible.

**Q. Is sustainable design important in the curriculum?**

A. Yes. The faculty believe this is a very important subject for the graduate as an employee as well as a citizen of the world. Students learn through lectures, movies, field trips, speakers, and projects. Students are expected to participate in “green” networking in the community.

**Q. What type of computers do you use, do you have a computer lab, and what software do you use?**

A. Technology changes very rapidly – this is a guideline only and was developed in June 2008. There are computers available throughout the campus. The Interior Design Department houses a dedicated computer aided drafting lab with computers for interior design classes and student use on days, nights, and weekends. It is not available over the summer months or to non-interior design students.

Students begin working with AutoCAD in their second year.

Most interior design students have a personal laptop computer in order to facilitate mobility. Our students purchase a very wide range of manufacturers and features; none stand out as best choices. If you are able, we suggest you wait on a purchase a computer until you have the opportunity to ask your peers what they prefer to use. .

If you are purchasing a computer, the Interior Design Department recommends:

- PC computers
- 17” or larger monitor
- Purchase Autodesk Auto CAD
- May wish to purchase the Adobe Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, etc.) and Sketch-up
- In order to run Autodesk AutoCAD 2008, purchase the Window XP Home, Windows XP Professional (SP2), or Windows 2000 (SP) software. Microsoft Windows Vista is the only operating system available on new computers after June 2008. Vista also interfaces with Autodesk AutoCAD. We recommend you purchase Vista Home Premium.
- 1500 MB free disk space (for installation of Autodesk AutoCAD)
- Intel Pentium 4 processor; 2.2 GHz
- 2.2 GB or more of memory
- 1024 X 768 VGA True Color
- 512 MB RAM