

# BA (Hons) in Interior Architecture (HETAC)



**CAO Code** GC 489  
**Framework Level** HETAC LEVEL 8

**Course Duration**  
**Full-Time** 4 years

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## About the Course

The honours degree programme has been designed in response to an increasing industrial demand for honours degree level employees with design skills relating to interior architecture, especially with regard to space planning, technology and visualisation. The graduates who successfully complete this programme will be able to design interiors in terms of space, materials, detailing and atmosphere. They will be able to sketch, draught, produce advanced computer aided visualizations, including walk-throughs, using the latest software packages, apply advanced technology and manage design projects. The degree programme has two main orientations: professional and academic. The syllabus for this programme has been created in consultation with the leading interior architects and interior designers in Ireland.

## Progression

Holders of this qualification may wish to pursue a postgraduate diploma or masters programme in interior architecture.

## Careers

Graduates of this course will be able to work as an interior architect in architectural and design practices. On entering the workplace they will be equipped to undertake interior architectural projects and independently carry them through to completion. Typically graduates work on projects in commercial design (galleries, leisure complexes, retail units, hotels) and specialist conversion projects, some involving building conservation. Due to the extensive training in new methods of computer-visualisation including 3-D modelling, rendering and stimulations, there are also significant opportunities as CAD specialists.

## Module List for BA (Hons) in Interior Architecture

### Year 1

#### *Semester I*

- Studio I
- Analytical Drawing I
- Architectural Drawing I
- Social & Cultural Context in Design
- Model-Making
- Computer Studies

#### *Semester II*

- Studio II
- Analytical Drawing II

- Architectural Drawing II
- Historical Context in Design
- Ergonomics
- Materials

## **Year 2**

### ***Semester III***

- Studio III
- Building Construction I
- Building Services
- Historicism
- Space Planning
- CAD I
- Material Science

### ***Semester IV***

- Studio IV
- Modernism
- Furniture and Fitting
- CAD II
- Building Construction II
- Structural Mechanics

## **Year 3**

### ***Semester V***

- Studio V
- Building Regulations
- Health & Safety
- CAD III
- Post-Modernism

### ***Semester VI***

- Studio VI
- Building Conservation
- Themes and Issues in Contemporary Design
- CAD IV
- Professional Practice

## **Year 4**

### ***Semester VII***

- Degree Project
- Contemporary Interior Architecture
- Vernacular Design
- Advanced CAD/3D Modelling I
- Project Management I
- Professional Communications
- Planning and Contract Law

**Semester VIII**

- Degree Project
- Practice Management
- Advanced CAD/3D Modelling II
- Project Management II
- Environmental Studies
- Sustainability