

SMAI for Interior Design

Sophomore Major Advancement Interview – Will begin FALL 2023

The Department of Art and Design requires all Interior Design majors to participate in an individual review, the Sophomore Major Advancement Interview (SMAI), in the students' third semester of the program. Advancement to an interior design degree is based in part on the assessment of this review process from the faculty, the Program Director and the Department Chair. This review is to provide the interior design major with an opportunity to present a portfolio of work for feedback and discussion by the members of the interior design faculty. During this review process, all interior design majors are required to take two portfolio assessment courses to prepare for the SMAI. Students get assistance in developing goals and objectives, demonstrate the ability to address the fundamentals of design at the university level, and receive one-on-one mentorship with an interior design faculty member.

A Faculty committee will make one of the following decisions regarding the students review:

1. To provide a positive recommendation for advancement.
 2. To provide a recommendation that indicates sections noted for improvement and must resubmit a portfolio in one year, according to the guidelines set by the faculty panel.
 3. To provide an unsatisfactory recommendation that indicates critical need for improvement and the student is required to resubmit a portfolio in one year that satisfactorily addresses all issues noted in the first review.
- Portfolio Assessment I – IDSN 2212
 - Portfolio Assessment II – IDSN 2115

If you have any questions regarding the SMAI process, please email Jennifer Whitehead (jenwhite@uca.edu)