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What is the programme about?

The Master of Interior Design programme is aimed at producing industry-ready interior design professionals. It is a professional Masters. The programme will develop knowledge and professional skills in the design, spatial planning, colour, lighting, materials and technology, and adaptive re-use of interior spaces for a variety of interior spaces and building types. The program is highly practical and it is designed for persons seeking to fulfil a lifelong dream of becoming interior design professionals.

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Who is it targeted at?

The programme is targeted at those who want to SPECIALIZE in or CHANGE Careers to Interior Design and

1. Have a University or 4-year college Bachelor's degree
2. Have a HND

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## Who is eligible for admission?

An Applicant for admission to the M.ID programme must have satisfied relevant general admission requirements of the University with evidence of an NYSC Certificate and shall be:

1. a graduate of Obafemi Awolowo University, or any other University\* with degrees in Architecture or any discipline in the Environmental Design and Management fields, or
2. a graduate of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife or any other University\* with degrees in other disciplines apart from the Environmental Design and Management fields and who has had at least 3 years post qualification experience in a design firm, or a related industry may be considered for admission upon satisfactorily passing an admission examination administered by the Department.
3. an HND graduate from a recognized Institution, with Upper Credit Division in Architecture or any discipline in the Environmental Design and Management fields.
4. All applicants shall normally possess a minimum of Third Class Degree or HND (Upper Credit) to be eligible for admission.
5. In special cases, applicants with HND (Lower Credit) may be considered upon satisfactorily passing a prescribed examination by the Department.

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What if I do not have any design background?

We assess design background using the student's transcript. Design background means the applicant has done at least one design related course at an undergraduate level. A student without any design background would have to have relevant work experience in a design/building related organization for at least 3 years after graduation to qualify for admission.

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Do I need to know how to draw?

Yes. Basic drawing skills, especially the ability to use a 3D drawing software are needed.

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What if I do not have any drawing skills or 3D software skills?

If you do not have any drawing skills, you will need to take an additional drawing course for 3 weeks before the first semester begins. This will be at an additional cost as stipulated in the fees. It will be taught virtually.

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What other competencies must I have?

Every student is expected to be computer literate in Microsoft Word Office package and Social Media such as Whatsapp and online meeting platform like Zoom and Google Meet.

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What working experience do I need before applying?

A minimum of three years working experience is required for applicants who do not have degrees in Architecture or Environmental Design disciplines. No working experience is required for those with undergraduate degrees in Architecture or Environmental Design disciplines.

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What tools do I need to have before starting the course?

You will need to own a computer with appropriate specifications for 3D modelling; preferably a laptop which you may need to bring to classes. You will also need a very good internet access as well as a 3D design modelling software. You will be able to purchase some 3D design modelling software at discounted prices after registration.

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**Q** How do I apply for the programme?

Visit the admission portal of the programme  
<https://oaucdl.edu.ng/prog/mid/>

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**Q** When is the deadline for admission?

For the 2025 session, the normal deadline for admission is 15th November 2024. There are limited spaces; so it is important to apply as soon as possible. The deadline will only be extended if there are spaces left.

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**Q** When is the start date?

The start date of the program is the 30th of January 2025.

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What support is there for students who have problems registering?

There is administrative support for all students who are unable to personally process their documents. The names and numbers of are found in the Contact us section of the website <https://www.oaucdl.edu.ng/site/mid/>

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How long is the programme?

The programme is for 3 academic semesters or eighteen months.

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How much is the tuition?

The tuition fees can be found on the programme website <https://www.oaucdl.edu.ng/site/mid/>. Check the Tuition and Fees icon.

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What additional costs am I likely to incur?

The additional costs to the student will be for  
Tests to be taken to verify 3D software and  
Microsoft package competency  
Training for those who need 3D drawing skills  
Tests for HND Lower Credit applicants  
Accommodation and feeding for face to face  
lectures in Lagos.

All students will require a laptop, a modelling  
software and internet access.

Additional costs also include production of hard  
copy documents for final project

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Will I have the skills to be an  
Interior designer when I  
complete the programme?

Yes. A student who completes the programme will  
have the skills required to practice as an interior  
designer. The student will be able to

1. Produce interior designs drawings using AI  
based 3D software
2. Analyze and Design Interior lighting for spaces
3. Analyze the quality of any interior Design  
project
4. Communicate concepts and design solutions  
for interior projects.
5. Design any interior space like a professional  
interior designer.
6. Use colour to create a variety of interior  
experiences
7. Relate professionally with clients, vendors and  
other building professionals.

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**Q****What will I learn?**

It is expected that at the end of the programme, you will demonstrate a rich comprehension of the history, design, theories, procedures, ethics and issues in the design and construction of a variety of interior spaces.

You will also possess the ability to identify key problems in interiors and apply knowledge learnt in the programme to design and create interior spaces for human performance and wellbeing.

Finally, you will demonstrate professionalism in all issues associated with the design of interior environments and be able to work independently and in teams.

**A****Q****What is the programme delivery like?**

The programme is designed with the working professional in mind. It is designed as a hybrid course: this means that it will be both online and face-face. Most (75%) of the lectures will be offered online each semester. There will be five face-to face (physical) meetings in all: two every semester for the first two semesters and one in the last semester. Most of the face-face meetings include field trips to factories, showrooms, design offices and building sites.

**A****Q****Is it a part-time or full time programme?**

The programme is a full-time programme. It is not a part-time programme. So it is expected that the student will put in the required amount of time to succeed. However, you may work while being enrolled in this programme.

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How much time will I have to devote to this course each week?

The programme is NOT a part-time programme. It is intense. In addition to the meeting times, a student will need to devote about an extra 18-20 hours weekly for assignments or studio work. Every online class will have a practical content or an assignment which will be usually due within a week.

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What is the programme timetable like?

The student should keep Fridays and Saturdays free for lectures. Online lectures will be held every Friday and Saturday. When scheduled, face-face meetings will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each Semester's timetable will be made available to the student at least a week to the beginning of each semester.

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Where will the face-face lectures hold?

The face-face meetings will be held in Lagos mainland. This is to encourage more students' participation. The venue will be communicated to all admitted students. Students are expected to attend punctually.

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What is the structure of the programme like?

The programme is approved as a list of courses in the programme document. However, these courses are delivered in eleven modules <https://www.oaucdl.edu.ng/site/mid/> The modules are described in detail here.

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How much practical content will the programme have?

The course is very practical, interactive, and project based. Projects and field trips are key components of the programme. Teamwork is also introduced in both studio and other assignments.

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Who are the tutors going to be?

Tutors are coming from a wide variety of countries. Professional Interior Designers from Nigeria, USA, South Africa and Saudi Arabia are going to teach the courses. All tutors have a lot of experience in the areas of their expertise.

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What learning resources are available for the student?

The student will be given access and links of books, e-books, videos and links to resources to facilitate his/her learning for the different courses.

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How will the courses be assessed?

Continuous assessment is the main means of assessment in the programme. This will be done through projects, tests, quizzes, discussions, class presentations and attendance. It is important that students do not have less than 75% attendance in online classes and 75% attendance in face-face meetings. Attendance is **HIGHLY** important. In order to be eligible to sit for an examination or pass in each course, the student must have not less than 75% attendance in the face to face lectures and in the online classes.

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Is the course accredited locally or internationally?

Local accrediting organizations do not yet exist, but the programme is recognized by the Interior Association of Nigeria (IDAN). The process for accreditation with CIDA (Council of Interior Design Association) would begin in a few years. The department is working to ensure that international accreditation standards are met.

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What are the conditions for the award of a degree of Masters in Interior Design?

To be eligible for the award of a Masters degree in Interior Design all students are expected to have passed all the courses with a minimum of 50% in each course. If the student gets less than 50% in one or two courses, He will have to repeat these courses in the make-up time or in the next available semesters. For the make-up period, or another semester, a student will have to pay the necessary fees. Check the tuition and fees section.

If however, the student fails more than two courses in a semester, the student will be required to repeat the semester. If the student fails to repeat the failed semester, the student will be withdrawn from the programme.

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What degree will I receive if successful?

If successful, the student will be awarded a Masters' certificate of the Obafemi Awolowo University. The certificate will read 'Master of Interior Design, Obafemi Awolowo University'. The degree you receive will be identical to one earned in a face-face program. There will not be an "online" designation on certificates awarded to students who completed their degree programme online.

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