Emeris

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Interior Design



Vega School

2 Years Distance Honours | NQF Level 8
120 Credits | SAQA ID: 99784 | HID0801

→ Online

Qualification Description

The Bachelor of Arts Honours in Interior Design qualification builds upon the Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design degree to expand and deepen the student's research skills, design knowledge, and design ability to prepare them for professional life as a Senior Interior Designer or Interior Design Lecturer.

Students learn to challenge conventional design thinking and develop refined and innovative design methodologies that consider the impact and effectiveness of proposed interior solutions. Students are further exposed to advanced professional practice within the built environment in the form of the establishment and conception of a project, thorough analysis of a site, drafting the project contracts, estimating fees and budgets, writing specifications and professionally presenting project proposals.

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

The Bachelor of Arts Honours in Interior Design qualification is open to graduates who hold a Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design or Architecture. The programme is designed for graduates seeking to advance their careers as Senior Interior Designers, Interior Design Lecturers or Design Researchers. This qualification is ideal for individuals who wish to deepen their design expertise, refine their research capabilities, and develop innovative, evidence-based design methodologies. It caters to aspiring professionals who want to lead design teams, manage projects and clients, or establish their own design studios.

How Will Emeris Support Your Online Learning as a Distance (Online) Student, and How Will It Help Prepare You for the Working World?

Our distance teaching and learning approach is designed to allow you the freedom to self-govern your learning experiences according to your individual needs. You are at the centre of your own learning journey, and by offering curated engagement opportunities, we partner with you to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Manage your work, life and studies
- Succeed in your personal, professional, and academic goals.

DISTANCE (ONLINE)

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements	An appropriate Bachelor's Degree **OR** An appropriate Advanced Diploma provided that a 360 credit Diploma or appropriate equivalent has been completed.	All candidates are required to submit an Interior Design portfolio. Candidates are normally required to have a minimum final year average of 60% in the qualifications final-year (NQF L7) modules. Those with a final year average of 55 - 59% will be admitted if they attained an average of 60% or higher for the designated cognate/core discipline module at final-year (NQF L7) level.
	International	A SAQA NQF L7 Evaluation Certificate in an appropriate field and meeting the additional admission requirements.

Additional Notes	Applicants who do not meet the admissions requirements for admission to Honours can enrol for and repeat all or some of their NQF Level 7 modules as NQP modules in order to improve their marks so that they may meet the average required for Honours. The modules to be taken as NQP for the purpose of admission to the respective qualification must be approved by the relevant faculty member.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
RPL | Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module outstanding from a Higher Certificate *If applicable.

Curriculum Outline

The curriculum is designed to provide students with a structured progression through core disciplines, fostering both theoretical understanding and applied competence across key areas of study.

The core disciplines included in this programme are:

The Interior Design Discourse module examines a range of key theories and contemporary discourse that frame the interior design discipline and practice.

The Professional Practice module further prepares students for industry and comprise themes such as project management, entrepreneurship and the legal and ethical requirements related to interior design.

Interior Solution Design A and B develop students' ability to create a professional portfolio in response to complex design problems. Students demonstrate their advanced practical and conceptual skills in interior design and communicate these in a visually appropriate and professional manner.

The Design Research Methodology module equips students with the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking required to design, conduct, and evaluate research at an honours level. Emphasising qualitative, quantitative end generative research methodologies, the module fosters an understanding of the theoretical underpinnings of various research techniques. Students will engage with contemporary debates in research methodology, develop proficiency in selecting appropriate methods, and enhance their ability to critically analyse research findings. Through this module, students will gain the necessary tools to conduct independent research, ensuring they are well-prepared for their own research projects in the discipline of design.

Design Research Project guides students in the application of research methodologies to the development of a research project in the field of design. Students will build on theoretical knowledge of research methods, integrating them into a coherent research design tailored to their research topic. Through this module, students will acquire practical skills in the formulation of research questions, data collection, analysis, and interpretation, while also engaging with ethical considerations in the research process. The module supports students in navigating the complexities of independent research, enabling them to produce a rigorous, well-founded dissertation that meets academic standards.

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Curriculum Structure

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
INDD8411	Interior Design Discourse	8	20	INSD8421	Interior Solution Design A	8	20
DRME8411	Design Research Methodology	8	20	IDPP8412	Interior Design Professional Practice	8	20
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits				
INSD8422	Interior Solution Design B	8	20				
Year Long							
DRPR8419	Design Research Report					8	30

Further Study Pathways

The successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Interior Design qualification enables you to progress into an appropriate Master's qualification, subject to meeting the admission requirements.

Career Opportunities

- Senior Interior Designer
- Interior Design Lecturer
- Researcher
- Design Entrepreneur
- Interior Design Consultant
- Design Business Owner

System and Software Requirements

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps)
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory
- Windows 11 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox
- A working webcam and microphone
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

Exams are written at an exam centre and in some instances online. These details will be specified in your Programme Assessment Schedule (PAS).

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 6 modules in the curriculum.

As a distance (online) student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 2 years. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification, and for part-time an additional year is allowed.

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Where Assessments Are Written in Person

- For students based in South Africa, online students may select any Emeris campus as their Examination Centre.
- An alternative examination centre is only permissible for students studying abroad and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no campus. If there is no campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by you. For non-Emeris venues, there is an alternative venue levy per module.

What Are the Benefits of a Distance (Online) Qualification?

The distance (online) delivery mode provides you with the agility of studying towards a tertiary qualification asynchronously, at different times from different locations. Distance students need to commit to approximately 20-25 hours a week for distance engagement (most of which is after hours) with material and assessments to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- A sequenced online learning environment that allows you the ability to manage your learning experiences flexibly and autonomously.
- A learner guide designed to lead you through the module material and learning outcomes, empowering you to effectively pace your learning in preparation for assessments.
- Our Learning Management System is designed to break up your learning units into manageable sections which include various activities to support learning.
- Module expert online lecturers that facilitate module teaching and learning support through various technology enhanced mediums.
- Student Relations Specialists provide administrative and operational guidance and support throughout your academic journey.
- A professionally registered Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor available for short-term, primary counselling services. Additionally, the Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor hosts various webinars and virtual talks on topics that promote a balanced lifestyle as you pursue your academic goals.

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After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.

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