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## AMERICA'S BEST ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN SCHOOLS

**2005**

**TOP RATED INTERIOR DESIGN SCHOOLS ■ THE BEST ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS**

**THE BEST UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS ■ OUR 2005 EDITOR'S CHOICE—INTERIORS**

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Our Interior design survey asked "Do you think the influence and power of interior designers are increasing, decreasing or steady?" Answers follow, nationally and by region.



## Top 40 Editor's Picks:

### 2005 Analysis of Interior Design Programs

The Interior Design and Interior Architecture programs shown opposite have been selected by the Editors as the top picks for 2005. The criteria and methodology includes:

1. The consideration given by practitioners in the 2005 Interior Design as they were asked to chose their preferred schools based on relevancy to today's changing interiors professional practice. The top three were given a score of 97.5 representing "best of class." The others rated by practitioners in the top 10 were given a score of 95. Those schools ranking 11 through 20 were given a score of 85.5 and others were scored 80 and lower. Only programs accredited by FIDER were considered to be in the top 10. Graduate programs are typically not accredited by FIDER but do get high praise from firms who recruit nationally. Therefore, graduate programs are given consideration in this ranking although there is a weighted bias toward FIDER-accredited programs.
2. Column Two ranks collegiate programs using a five-year average of the *DesignIntelligence* practitioner survey of leading interior design and interior architecture firms. Those who have been included as a top program for five years scored 95.5; four years 93.5; three years 91.5; two years 88.5; and one year 85.5. Others scored 80.5 or lower.
3. In Column Three, schools are ranked for their creative and integrated design culture. Programs offering three or more integrated design programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels scored 95. Programs were then ranked in descending order based on the number of integrated programs and the mix of graduate and undergraduate options. Also, schools were given extra points for location ranging from a high of 4.25 to a low of three depending on learning environment and creative community environment based on the editor's collective judgment.
4. Column Four rates the technology, studio, and library resources of the schools ranging from 97.5 (best of class) to 75 (average)
5. Column Five rates the repute of the dean, faculty, and students based on our interviews and tabulations of surveys. The scores ranged from 97.5 (best of class) to 75 (average).

"Joining this firm means that you will strive to surpass your own expectations."

—Gary Wheeler, Gensler, London

**DesignIntelligence Analysis of Interior Design Schools**

School	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average
1 University of Cincinnati	97.5	95.5	99	97.5	97.5	487	97.4
2 Kansas State University	97.5	95.5	99	97	97.5	486.5	97.3
3 Pratt Institute	97.5	95.5	99	95	97	484	96.8
4 Arizona State University	95	95.5	99	97.5	96.5	483.5	96.7
5 Cornell University	95	95.5	99	96.5	96.5	482.5	96.5
6 University of Oregon	95	93.5	99	95	95.5	478	95.6
7 University of Florida	95	93.5	99	95	95	477.5	95.5
8 University of Texas at Austin	95	88.5	99	97.5	95	475	95
9 Auburn University	95	95.5	98	90	95	473.5	94.7
10 Syracuse University	85.5	95.5	98	95	95	469	93.8
11 California College of the Arts	95	88.5	99	90	95	467.5	93.5
12 Washington State University	95	80.5	98	95	95	463.5	92.7
13 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	80	91.5	98	97.5	95	462	92.4
13 Iowa State University	85.5	88.5	98	95	95	462	92.4
15 Louisiana State University	85.5	85.5	96	95	95.25	459.25	91.85
16 University of Wisconsin-Madison	80	85.5	99	97.5	95	457	91.4
17 University of Nebraska-Lincoln	80	85.5	98	97	95.5	456	91.2
18 Miami University (Ohio)	85.5	80.5	98	95	95.5	454.5	90.9
19 Texas Tech University	85.5	85.5	98	90	95	454	90.8
20 Drexel University	80	91.5	94	95	90	450.5	90.1
21 University of Minnesota	80	80.5	99	95	95	449.5	89.9
21 Bard Graduate Center	80	80.5	94	97.5	97.5	449.5	89.9
23 Ohio State University	80	80.5	98	95.5	95.25	449.25	89.85
24 Purdue University	80	80.5	98	95	95	448.5	89.7
25 Boston Architectural Center	80	80.5	94	95	95.5	445	89
26 Oklahoma State University	85.5	80.5	98	90	90.25	444.25	88.85
27 University of Kentucky	80	80.5	93	95	95.5	444	88.8
28 Michigan State University	80	85.5	93	95	90.25	443.75	88.75
29 University of Nevada, Las Vegas	80	80.5	91	95	95.25	441.75	88.35
30 University of North Texas	80	85.5	96	90	90	441.5	88.3
31 Savannah College of Art and Design	80	80.5	94	90	95	439.5	87.9
32 North Dakota State University	80	80.5	93	95	90	438.5	87.7
33 University of Texas at Arlington	85.5	80.5	91	90	90.1	437.1	87.42
34 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	85.5	80.5	91	90	90	437	87.4
35 Louisiana Tech University	80	80.5	91	95	90.25	436.75	87.35
36 Virginia Commonwealth University	80	80.5	93	90	90	433.5	86.7
37 Lawrence Technological University	80	80.5	91	90	90.5	432	86.4
38 Mississippi State University	80	80.5	91	90	90.25	431.75	86.35
39 Rochester Institute of Technology	80	80.5	91	90	90.1	431.6	86.32
40 University of Tennessee, Knoxville	80	80.5	91	90.5	89	431	86.2

America's Best Interior Design Schools

2000-2005

School	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
University of Cincinnati	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pratt Institute	2	2	2	3	2	2
Kansas State University*	3	4	3	2	3	6
Cornell University	4	3	5	4	4	2
Arizona State University	5	7	6	7	6	9
University of Oregon	6	5	10	9	9	-
Auburn University*	7	9	-	5	6	-
University of Texas at Austin	8	-	-	-	6	4
Washington State University	8	-	-	-	-	-
California College of the Arts	10	6	10	-	-	-
University of Florida	10	-	8	-	-	-
Drexel University	-	-	-	-	9	9
Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY	-	-	7	-	-	-
Harrington College of Interior Design	-	-	8	-	-	-
Iowa State University	-	-	-	10	-	-
Syracuse University*	-	10	4	6	5	7
University of Massachusetts Amherst	-	-	-	-	-	5
University of North Texas	-	-	-	-	-	7
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	-	8	10	-	-	-

\* For the purposes of this survey, multiple interior design programs in different departments/colleges within the same university were combined. This includes Auburn University, Kansas University and Syracuse University.

Note: The Rhode Island School of Design ranked #8 in the 2002 survey. Because it is not a FIDER-accredited program, (the standard for inclusion in our rankings) it is not included in this historical comparison.

- In these years, the school did not rank in the top 15 programs.