



SCHOOL OF DESIGN

DEGREE AND DIPLOMA COURSES



KLC
School of
Design

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FOREWORD

For more than 40 years, KLC School of Design has provided students with the opportunity to develop industry-focused knowledge and skills that enable them to enter practice in interior design and garden design.

Working closely with employers, suppliers and other design professionals, students learn the practical and the creative aspects of design. With a team of experienced academics and industry-active professionals, the programmes at West Dean's KLC School of Design combine design development, technical knowledge, and visual communication in projects that engage with real-world issues, real clients and professional practice.

Students also benefit from the school's close ties to industry through a careers service that supports them with placements, mentoring and, after graduation, employment opportunities. Ranging from small studies to large international practices, these relationships support students through the curriculum and into their careers.



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WHICH COURSE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

All our courses are intended to get you ready for a career in your chosen field of design.

BA (HONS) INTERIOR DESIGN

For school leavers who have completed A levels/BTEC/ foundation course (preferably in Art & Design) or mature applicants who have equivalent experience

Full-time course is three years

As above, but for those who wish to maintain part-time work or do not want to move to London

Part-time structured online course (live tutorials and lectures) in five years

DIPLOMA HE IN APPLIED INTERIOR DESIGN

For those who have a degree and some professional experience.
They enjoy home interior design but have limited art & design experience

Full-time course is one year

As above and they need to keep working

Part-time course is two years

CERTIFICATE RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR DESIGN

For those with no art & design background but may have some experience in interior decorating

Full-time intensive course over 11 weeks

As above but are time-constrained

Part-time course over one year

As above but also have a highly varied schedule

A self-paced online course

DIPLOMA GARDEN DESIGN

For those who love gardening, are interested in design, but don't have experience

Part-time course over one year

LONDON CAMPUS COURSES

Full-time

A holistically taught, industry-focused undergraduate programme offering a challenging curriculum that aims to nurture, encourage and develop creativity, realise individual potential and equip students with practical, technical and creative interior design skills.

Includes

- Residential, Commercial and Hospitality design
 - Comprehensive CAD, 3D modelling, Rendering and Building Information Modelling (BIM) training
 - Access to West Dean libraries
 - Access to student and alumni events
 - Support from KLC Careers Service including work placement opportunities
 - Eligibility for free BIID student membership
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Online

Achieve an Interior Design degree from your own home on the only structured online course with a proven record of successful graduates. Launched in 2016, it has been specifically designed as a supportive course with regular live online classes for those who cannot commit to full-time onsite study.

Explore all our interior design courses at westdean.ac.uk

Full-time

Fast track your career change with this intensive interior design training. This year-long (three terms) course will challenge and inspire students to strive for new levels of design excellence, as you work through a series of residential and commercial projects. Industry relevant and professionally respected, students graduate with the skills and confidence to gain employment or to further their studies with the BA (Hons) Interior Design.

Includes

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Part-time

This two-year course offers the flexibility of studying alongside other work or family commitments and includes half-term breaks for each of the six terms.



“We met real clients and worked on real-life projects and had to consider all the constraints that practicing interior designers are faced with.”

MALIKA GASU

Full-time

Fast track, intensive training for a career in residential interior design. Focusing on all the relevant key decorative and technical skills needed to design kitchens, bathrooms, living and sleeping areas within the home, this 11-week course pushes students to develop their personal creativity, expand their design skillset and start to think like an interior designer.

Includes

- Residential design
 - CAD and 3D modelling training
 - Eligibility for free BIID student membership
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Part-time

The perfect course for those wishing to train for a reputable design qualification alongside their other work or family commitments, to find employment within the residential sector of the industry.

Online

This industry-leading flexible learning course provides students with the same skills as those attending the onsite Certificate course, enabling them to complete their qualification with a diverse body of work which forms the basis of their professional portfolio.

Part-time

A career-focused comprehensive and practical qualification in garden design. The only UK course that follows the growing year – January to December. Boasting a syllabus that combines practical hard landscaping and gardening skills, plant science and creative design principles.

Includes

- An exclusive five-day work experience placement at West Dean Gardens
- Membership of the Society of Garden Designers (SGD) and Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
- Comprehensive CAD and 3D modelling training



“Overall, this course has provided the perfect foundations for a career in garden design, and giving me the ability and confidence to deliver exceptional design work, but most of all, it has been great fun!”

SEBASTIAN JANS

Explore our garden design courses at westdean.ac.uk

OUR LONDON CAMPUS BOASTS 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE DELIVERING INDUSTRY-LEADING INTERIOR DESIGN AND GARDEN DESIGN COURSES.

“The highlights for me were most certainly the tutors and fabulous guest lecturers. Their enthusiasm, passion, insight and inspiration truly were infectious and made me more excited to be involved in this industry.”

CAROLINE NICHOLLS



“It was great being in a learning environment with people of mixed ages and from many different cultures – I found that very inspiring. The full-time course is very demanding and quick-paced, this is great preparation for the industry which is built not only on creative but organisational skills.”

KATE ASLANGUL

“Having the chance to present to a panel of professionals was incredible preparation for the design industry. I enjoyed the guest speakers and having the chance to meet some of the industry’s key players.”

JESS LAVERS



WHY KLC SCHOOL OF DESIGN?

Leading expert tutors

Extensive industry links

Work shadowing

Careers team support

London location

Funding support



LONDON CAMPUS

Being in the cultural hub of the UK, with iconic landmarks such as the Design Museum and Tate Modern, our London campus is situated in the heart of London's knowledge Quarter close to the University of London, the British Museum and the Wellcome Collection.

Famous for its museums and galleries, green spaces, and lively foodie scene, this vibrant and culturally rich location offers a fantastic base for your studies.



THE COLLEGE

London-based KLC School of Design merged with West Dean in 2021, offering high-level skills for careers in arts, design, craft and conservation. The West Dean campus is nestled in the beautiful South Downs, West Sussex.

West Dean was established by Edward James and is part of the Edward James Foundation, a charitable trust set up to promote education in the arts and crafts. Many students benefit from bursary and scholarship funding.





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