Cornell University
College of Human Ecology

PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES FOR INTERIOR DESIGN APPLICANTS

Submission of an Interior Design Index and a portfolio are ***required*** for all Interior Design freshman and transfer applicants. These materials add to your Cornell University Freshman or Transfer Supplement to the Common Application by providing a complete picture of your qualifications for admission.

Interior Design freshman applicants

Your Interior Design Index and portfolio, to be evaluated by interior design faculty, should be sent along with your Cornell University Freshman Supplement to the Common Application to the address below.

Interior Design transfer applicants

Your Interior Design Index and portfolio, to be evaluated by interior design faculty upon receipt of your official college transcript(s), should be sent along with your Cornell University Transfer Supplement to the Common Application to the address below. It is relevant to note that the transcript enables the faculty to view the work in your portfolio within the context of courses you have taken. Refer to the Interior Design Transfer Criteria for specific transcript requirements.

Portfolio Guidelines

- Present your work from a variety of media including design projects, drawing, painting, ceramics, graphics, photography, woodworking, etc in a portfolio, not to exceed (12) one-sided or (6) two-sided pages (page count does not include Table of Contents).
- Please include high-quality scanned copies or printed photographic images, in color or black and white, of original work images. Do not include original actual work. Compile images in a binder or flat folio with photos and/or images, for example, in clear plastic sleeves.
- Present your material in a neat, well-organized manner, including a table of contents. We are flexible with the format of the material, however the maximum page size allowed is 8 ½" x 11". ***Portfolios with page size larger than 8 ½" x 11" will not be reviewed, nor will portfolios submitted on CDs or by other electronic media.***
- Label each portfolio item with information on the medium used, the date it was produced, whether the project was done for a class or independently, as well as the original size of the work.
- Pre-application portfolio reviews are not conducted.

Portfolio Returns

Portfolios will be returned after the admissions cycle if you provide postage and a sturdy envelope/mailing packet. While we take every precaution to ensure proper care and handling, the College of Human Ecology cannot assume responsibility for lost or damaged portfolios.

Send portfolio and design index to:

Portfolio Review Committee
Office of Admissions, Student and Career Development
College of Human Ecology
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Ithaca, New York 14853-4401