Discipline

Interior design

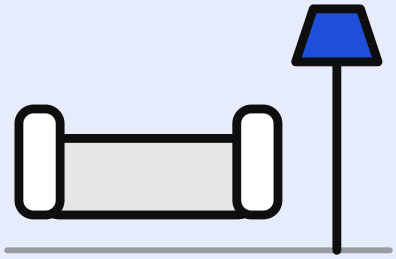
Designs the interior spaces of a building (their layout, materials, light and furniture) so they serve the people who use them.

In Spanish

Diseño de interiores

Origin

A practice tied to architecture and decoration; reference handbook by Ching and Binggeli (4th ed., 2018)



What it deals with

The same space can be comfortable or oppressive, clear or confusing, depending on how it is organized inside.

Principles

Layout

How the space is divided according to what is done in it.

Light, color and material

How the space is perceived and felt.

Systems

Heating and cooling, acoustics and building services are designed too.

Applications in design

✓ Use it like this

Observe how the space is used before rearranging it.

✗ Avoid

Designing for the photo rather than for daily use.

👁 Don't fall for it

Accessibility and evacuation codes aren't an add-on: they shape the design from the start.

Especialidad



Specialty

Lighting design

Designs the light of a space so it can be seen, moved through easily and has the intended atmosphere.

Methods and tools



Approach

Evidence-based design

Making design decisions based on the best available research, and measuring their effects afterward.



Method

Mood board

A board of images, colors and textures that sets the tone of a project before designing it.

Connections

Builds on

- Ergonomics and human factors

Related to

- Furniture design
- Spatial design
- Textile design
- Wayfinding design

Authors and works

2018	**Francis D. K. Ching and Corky Binggeli**	Explained with drawings the elements and systems that define an interior space.
2015	**Ian Higgins**	Described strategies for moving from a brief to the organization of an interior.

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