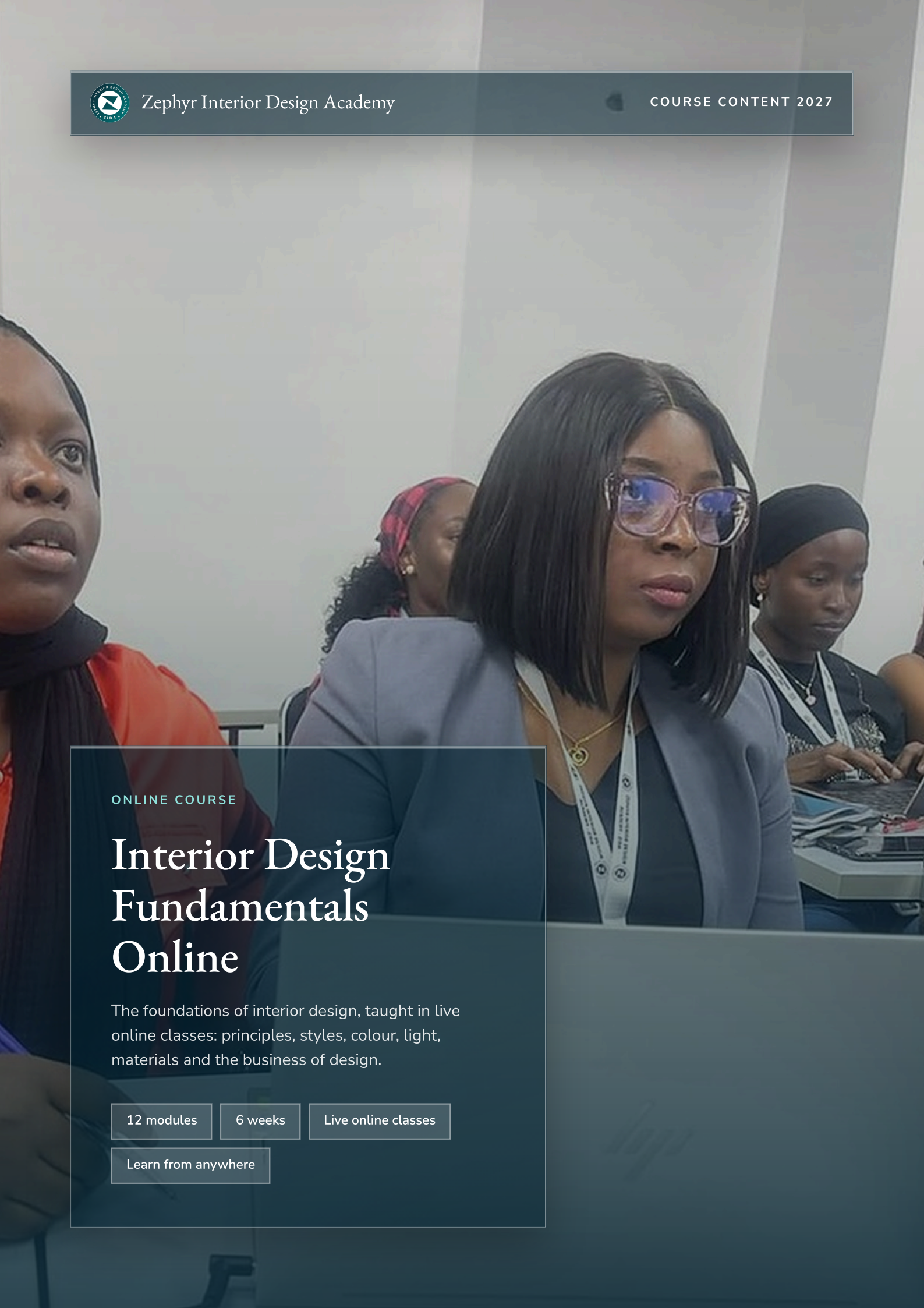


ONLINE COURSE

Interior Design Fundamentals Online

The foundations of interior design, taught in live online classes: principles, styles, colour, light, materials and the business of design.

12 modules | 6 weeks | Live online classes | Learn from anywhere

ABOUT THE COURSE

The foundations, wherever you are.

12
modules

6 weeks
live, interactive online sessions

Anywhere
in Nigeria or abroad

What the course is

An introduction to the foundational concepts and principles of interior design, taught through interactive online sessions with ZIDA facilitators.

You explore colour, light, materials, furniture and concept development, and finish with how to work with clients and start a design business.

Who it is for

- Anyone who cannot attend classes in Abuja or Port Harcourt
- Beginners with no formal training in interior design
- Career changers and working adults who need flexibility
- Anyone planning to start a design or decoration business

What you leave with

- A clear grounding in the elements, principles and styles of interior design
- Your first moodboards and concept work
- A practical view of working with clients and setting up a practice
- A path onward to the in-person courses at ZIDA

RECOGNITION

Recognised and accredited.

NBTE-approved Skill Training Centre

NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Register code 167042.

ACTD accredited

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Listed in ACTD's Interior Design and Decoration category.

Registered IDCEC CEU Provider

INTERIOR DESIGN CONTINUING EDUCATION COUNCIL

Three IDCEC-approved courses (CEU-126503, CEU-126514 and CEU-126731), covering 18 of our modules.

Partner of IDAN

INTERIOR DESIGNERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

Every full-time Diploma student becomes a Student Member of IDAN.

On this course

You learn online with an NBTE-approved, ACTD-accredited academy and a Registered IDCEC CEU Provider.

Independent quality assurance

Assessment and internal verification are overseen by a Quality Assurance Adviser and an Internal Quality Assurance Manager, separate from teaching. Certificates are awarded only on demonstrated achievement.

Every recognition links to the body's own register at zida.com.ng/recognition, so you can check it yourself.

THE MODULES

Modules 1 to 4

MODULE 1

Introduction to Interior Design

- What interior design is, and why it matters
- Working with professionals in other fields
- Interior designers and interior decorators compared
- Interior design specialties
- The elements: space, line, shape, form, light, colour, texture and pattern
- The principles: balance, rhythm, emphasis, scale, proportion and harmony

MODULE 2

Evolution and Interior Design Styles

- The interior design and architecture timeline
- Why we study styles
- Major interior design styles
- Contemporary interior design
- The psychology of design

MODULE 3

Moodboards

- What a moodboard is, and what it is for
- Physical and digital moodboards
- Choosing your moodboard format
- Digital moodboard layout
- Creating a moodboard, step by step

MODULE 4

Lights and Lighting

- Light and lighting: direction, quality, reflection, diffusion and intensity
- Luminaires, natural light and artificial lighting
- Layers of light, and glare
- Classification of lighting
- Lighting residential and commercial spaces
- The lighting plan

THE MODULES

Modules 5 to 8

MODULE 5

Colour and Colour Psychology

- The roles of colour and the colour wheel
- Colour temperature and neutral colours
- Hues, tints, tones and shades
- Value, saturation and colour variations
- Colour psychology and mood
- Colour harmony, schemes, context, balance and combination

MODULE 6

Window Treatment

- Types of window treatment
- Applying window treatments
- Styles of window treatment

MODULE 7

Materials and Application

- Selecting materials and finishes
- Why materials and texture matter in a space
- Categories of interior finishes
- Render, plaster, paint and wallpaper
- Timber cladding, faux and 3D wall panels, wainscoting and boiserie
- Weatherboard and plasterboard
- Tiles, stone, marble and granite

MODULE 8

Furniture, Art and Accessories

- What furniture is, and its role in a space
- Types and kinds of furniture
- Furniture application and usage
- Furniture for different interior spaces

THE MODULES

Modules 9 to 12

MODULE 9

Design Concept

- Anthropometrics and ergonomics
- What a design concept is
- Developing an interior concept
- Concept research
- The design concept statement

MODULE 10

Working with Clients

- Why clients use an interior designer, and the designer's role
- The first meeting, the design brief, project cost and scope of work
- Questions to ask and observations to make
- The second meeting: floor plan, sample board and 3D visualisation
- How you get paid, and project management
- Paperwork and the letter of acceptance

MODULE 11

Starting an Interior Design Business

- Defining your brand and business name
- Forming a legal entity, taxes and licences
- Business banking and accounting
- Your website and business phone
- Marketing, social media and advertising
- Setting your rate, and networking

MODULE 12

Business and Branding

- Start-up and ongoing costs
- Business structure, business name and domain name
- Branding and stationery: business cards, letterheads, invoices and receipts
- Your portfolio
- Planning your website, content and blog
- Your target market

NEXT STEPS

Join the next online class.

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