

TRANSFORMING USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN EDUCATION Through Integrated Learning

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Curricular Framework

Competency Strands & Foundational Principles

Learning & Experience Studios

Program-Level Interactions

GUIDING METAPHOR



COMPETENCY STRANDS



FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES



EXPERIENCE STUDIOS

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EXPERIENCE STUDIOS

172-08 271-08, 272-08 371-08, (372-08)

12-15 credits

172-07 272-07 (x2) 372-07 (x2)

15 credits

EXPERIENCE STUDIOS

heightened view of reality with integrated learning across all strands

COHORT SPECIFIC

real-world projects, with specific learning outcomes determined by client projects

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LEARNING

STUDIOS

REFLECTION

PORTFOLIO

STUDIO PROGRESSION



time

complexity

team composition, research and representational methods, project deliverables, time to execute

LEARNING STUDIOS

LEARNING STUDIO COMPETENCIES

TECHNICAL					
VISUAL & INTERACTIVE REPRESENTATION	SOCIAL/RESEARCH METHODS				
DESIGN PHILOSOPHY					



tool-specific knowledge (e.g., Axure, Sketch, HTML/CSS)

TECHNICAL

VISUAL & INTERACTIVE REPRESENTATION

SOCIAL/RESEARCH METHODS



depicting design cognition

(e.g., sketching, mockups, prototypes, visual principles, information architecture)

understanding users

(e.g., user research methods, psychology, analysis and evaluation)

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY



design approaches and processes

(e.g., user-centered design, problem framing, iteration, personal design process)

COMPETENCY ALIGNMENT

	HCDD STUDIO 1	HCDD STUDIO 2	
	SCREEN-BASED (LO-FI)	SCREEN-BASED (HI-FI)	
PROBLEM FRAMING, SCOPING, & IDEATION	Problem Frame (static)Problem Statement (static)Requirements Generation	 Problem Frame (traversal) Problem Statement (select) Idea Fluency (basic) 	
DATA GATHERING	ObservationInterviewUsability Test (basic)	Cognitive WalkthroughSurvey	
DATA ANALYSIS	 KJ/Affinity Diagramming Personas + Scenarios Task Flow 	Semantic DifferentialHeuristic AnalysisQuantitative Analysis	
PROTOTYPING	SketchingWireframing (manually)Paper prototyping	Mood Board/Style TileStoryboarding	
SOCIAL IMPACT/ STRATEGY	Audience ImpactSocietal/Cultural ImpactEthical Obligations	Persuasive DesignEmotional Design	

LEARNING STUDIOS

COMPETENCY ALIGNMENT

	HCDD STUDIO 2	HCDD STUDIO 3	HCDD STUDIO 4
·FI)	SCREEN-BASED (HI-FI)	PHYSICAL COMPUTING	STRATEGY DESIGN
atic) on	 Problem Frame (traversal) Problem Statement (select) Idea Fluency (basic) 	Agile/Waterfall WorkflowsLean UX	
	Cognitive WalkthroughSurvey	BodystormingUser Journey Map	Cultural ProbesDiary Studies
ıg	Semantic DifferentialHeuristic AnalysisQuantitative Analysis	Card sortingMental ModelsExperience Sampling	Swim LanesPersonas (data-driven)
)	Mood Board/Style TileStoryboarding	Physical PrototypingWizard of Oz	DynamicPixel-Perfect Layouts
t	Persuasive DesignEmotional Design	Critical DesignConceptualizing the User	Design StrategyProducts/Systems/Services

LEARNING STUDIOS

HCDD STUDIO LEARNING OUTCOMES

	HCDD STUDIO 1	HCDD STUDIO 2	HCDD STUDIO 3	HCDD STUDIO 4	HCDD STUDIO 5
Problem	Conduct basic analysis of situations, clients and problems, and articulate problem statements.	Conduct intermediate analysis of situations, clients and problems using multiple approaches to problem framing.	Conduct advanced analysis of situations, clients and problems that demonstrates an awareness of organizational strategy.	Conduct expert analysis of situations, clients and problems that aligns with the client organization's larger strategies and business goals.	Conduct expert analysis of situations, clients and problems to contribute to advancing the client organization's strategies and business goals.
Scoping, & Ideation	Create concepts that address the issues in the problem statement.	Create a variety of concepts that address the issues in the problem statement.	Create a variety of concepts that address the issues in the problem statement and demonstrate awareness of organizational strategy.	Create a variety of concepts that align with the client organization's strategic goals.	Create a variety of concepts that advance the client organization's strategic goals.
Data Gathering & Analysis	Use basic data gathering and analysis techniques to inform design decisions.	Use intermediate data gathering and analysis techniques to inform design decisions.	Use physically based techniques for data gathering and analysis to inform design decisions.	Use advanced data gathering and analysis techniques to inform design decisions.	Use expert data gathering and analysis techniques to inform design decisions.
Prototyping	Demonstrate basic application of principles of visual and interaction design to create low- fidelity prototypes.	Demonstrate intermediate application of principles of visual and interaction design to create high-fidelity prototypes.	Demonstrate application of human factors principles to create physical prototypes.	Demonstrate fluent application and evaluation of visual and interaction design principles. Use advanced prototyping techniques to create interactive digital prototypes.	Demonstrate advanced application and evaluation of visual and interaction design principles. Use advanced prototyping techniques to create working interactive digital prototypes.
Design process	Explain and apply the fundamental components of user-centered design.	Distinguish among major approaches to user- centered design such as goal-directed design, participatory design, etc.	Distinguish among popular processes and methodologies for UX such as agile, waterfall, lean, etc.	Demonstrate the ability to make recommendations for appropriate major design approaches and methodologies that fit a particular design situation and team.	Demonstrate the ability to lead UX teams through the user- centered design process, employing appropriate approaches, processes and methodologies.
Design philosophy	Articulate the core values of user-centered design.	Compare and contrast the core values of various approaches to user- centered design.	Explain how design philosophy impacts design practice.	Articulate their design identity and personal design philosophy.	Practice user-centered design in concordance with their personal design philosophy.

EXP STUDIOS





172-07

FRESHMEN participate & contribute

271-07

SOPHOMORE

accountable for activities

STUDENTS SOLVE REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS IN A COMPANY-LIKE ENVIRONMENT WHILE WORKING IN TEAMS ON INDUSTRY PROJECTS.

371-07

JUNIOR (+ SENIOR) manage & mentor

EXPERIENCE STUDIO COMPETENCIES

LEADERSHIP/TEAMWORK

VISUAL & INTERACTIVE REPRESENTATION

SOCIAL/RESEARCH METHODS

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

GLOBAL CONSCIOUSNESS

EXPERIENCE STUDIOS

UX DESIGN PROGRAM







"The studio experience really shocked me. I have never been in a course that was so tasking, yet so enjoyable at the same time. It was kind of amazing how excited I was about the content that I was learning and the work I was getting to do day in and day out. That excitement really made the course easier to enjoy and increased my dedication and effort in everything that I did throughout the semester." *"Keep doing what you're doing." I'm always so captivated."*

"The class excels at engaging students and it makes me want to learn more and more about design. It is so well thought out. [...] The course work is hard and demands a lot of time but I want to do it and achieve more. This is the only class where you professors have it made it clear that our grades are based on our progress and growth as designers, not as just letters to stress over. I really feel as if this class cares about me."



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