The Design Thinking Minor introduces students to new and creative ways to solve problems. Through the lens of Design Thinking, students will build a solid understanding of basic principles, processes, and applications of Design as related to a wide spectrum of disciplines. The minor consists of 15 credit hours from the department’s offerings. 9 credit hours are in courses at the 3000-level or above.

No permissions or approvals are required from the department to pursue the Design Thinking Minor, though students should alert college or school counselors of their intent to complete the minor, so that the correct plan can be assigned to their records and tracked in the Degree Report (DAR).

Required courses - 15 credit hours:
3 Design 2700: Introduction to Design Practice
3 Design 2750: Design History
3 Design 3105: Exploring Design Thinking
3 Design 3305: Visualization as Thinking
3 Design 3505: Presentation as Thinking

Design Thinking Minor program guidelines

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 15 credit hr minimum. 9 credit hours will be at the 3000-level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE
A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required
• Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
• No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor Completion The completed minor program may be approved by the student’s assigned academic advisor via the Degree Audit Report (DAR). If the minor is not complete on the DAR, the student must consult with the Department of Design Academic Advisor.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the Department of Design Academic Advisor.