Design Foundations Minor (DSGNFND-MN): for Pre-Design Students not accepted to a Design Major

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The annual entrance review process for undergraduate Pre-Design students

The Department of Design allows a very limited number of Pre-Design students to go through its freshman foundation course sequence on an annual basis. This sequence includes required courses during both Autumn and Spring semesters, as listed below.

An annual entrance review process occurs at the end of each Spring semester, where students submit project outcomes from the below courses, along with other materials specified by the Department.

As a result of a process of Design faculty review, the following number of students will be offered acceptance to the Department’s undergraduate major programs:

• 16-18 new major students in Industrial Design.
• 16-18 new major students in Interior Design.
• 16-18 new major students in Visual Communication Design.

Those students not accepted to one of the above major programs via the entrance review process will have completed the Design Foundations Minor, and will be able to pursue another major in the University.

1st Year, Autumn - 9 credit hours:
3 Design 2110: Design Fundamentals 1
3 Design 2310: Visual Principles 1
3 Design 2700: Intro to Design Practice

1st Year, Spring - 9 credit hours:
3 Design 2130: Design Fundamentals 3
3 Design 2330: Visual Principles 3
3 Design 2750: Design History

Design Foundations Minor program guidelines

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 18 credits. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 18 credit hr minimum.

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 GPA for all minor course work.
• 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.