

Design Studies, Minor

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Are you interested in the processes of design thinking? Do you want to know how to turn concepts into practical ideas and to gain strength in strategic thinking? To build those capacities, this program might be just what you're looking for.

Description

Students interested in design can earn a minor in design studies through this non-studio-based program of study that focuses on the design disciplines offered in The Design School:

- architectural studies
- graphic design
- industrial design
- interior design
- landscape architecture

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

[2024 - 2025 Minor Map](#)

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Courses selected must satisfy the minimum requirement of 18 credit hours for the minor. Twelve of the credit hours must be in 300-level or 400-level coursework.

To enhance understanding of the subject matter, some of the designated courses are sequential in nature and require certain prerequisites. Consequently, students should carefully note the semester in which these particular courses are offered. All designated courses for the minor in design studies are lecture courses.

Lower-Division Design Studies -- 6 credit hours

ALA 100: Introduction to Environmental Design (HUAD OR HU & H & G) (3)

ALA 102: Landscapes and Sustainability (SUST OR HU & G) (3)

ARC 101: Architecture Project I (3)

ARC 102: Architecture Project II (3)

ARC 111: Architecture of Architecture I (3)

ARC 112: Architecture of Architecture II (3)

DSC 101: Design Awareness (GCSI OR HU & G) (3)

EDS 223: Design Thinking (3)

GRA 101: Designing Life (3)

GRA 111: Graphic Design History I (HUAD) (3)

GRA 112: Graphic Design History II (3)

GRA 225: Communication/Interaction Design Theory (3)

GRA 294: Illustrator (3)

GRA 294: InDesign (3)

GRA 294: Photoshop (3)

IND 242: Materials and Design (3)

IND 243: Design for Ecology and Social Equity (3)

INT 111: Interior Design Issues and Theories (HUAD OR HU) (3)

INT 121: Introduction to Computer Modeling for Interior Design (QTRS OR CS) (3)

INT 123: Introduction to Computer-Aided Design and Building Information Modeling (3)

INT 131: Design and Human Behavior (SOBE OR SB) (3)

LAP 231: Introduction to Digital Applications for Designers (QTRS OR CS) (3)

LAP 251: Plant Materials for Sustainable Landscapes (3)

Upper-Division Design Studies -- 12 credit hours

APH 494: Frank Lloyd Wright (3)

APH 494: Peter Zumthor (3)

APH 494: The Image of Rome (3)

ARC 330: World and Western Architecture for Nonmajors (HU & H & G) or ARC 331: World and Western Architecture I ((L or HU) & G & H) (3)

ARC 332: World and Western Architecture II ((L or HU) & G & H) (3)

ARC 394: Special Topics (3)

ARC 431: Contemporary Architecture and Urbanism 1970 to the Present (HUAD OR HU & H) (3)

ARC 434: Great Cities (HUAD OR (L or HU) & H) (3)

ARC 436: Charles and Ray Eames (HU) (3)

ARC 494: Special Topics (3)

DSC 394: Design Entrepreneurship & Society (3)

DSC 494: Special Topics (3)

EDS 301: Sustainable Community Design and Practices (SUST OR HU) (3)
GRA 345: Design Rhetoric (3)
GRA 401: Creative Environment (3)
GRA 440: Finding Purpose (3)
IND 316: 20th-Century Design I (HUAD OR HU & H) (3)
IND 317: 20th-Century Design II (HUAD OR HU & H) (3)
IND 344: Human Factors in Design (3)
IND 354: Principles of Product Design (3)
INT 310: History of Interior Design I (HUAD OR HU & H) (3)
INT 311: History of Interior Design II (HUAD OR HU & H) (3)
INT 415: Latin American Design or INT 494: Design and Culture in Latin America (3)
INT 494: Contemporary Design Issues in Europe (3)
INT 494: Design and Context (3)
LAP 311: History of Landscape Architecture (HUAD OR HU & H) (3)
LAP 312: 20th-Century Landscape Architecture (HU) (3)
LAP 485: International Field Studies (G) (3)
LAP 494: Special Topics (3)
LPH 494: Special Topics (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.50

Incompatible Majors: All majors in The Design School; BA in design studies; BA in design studies with a concentration in design management

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major or the minor program. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor.

Career opportunities

Minor programs enable students to develop additional competencies that complement the marketable knowledge and skills they acquire in their majors.

A minor in design studies is intended to provide an overview of design processes and design thinking that can benefit any major within the ASU system. Many industries, including business and engineering, seek

candidates who have experience with and an understanding of design thinking; those who possess this skill have a unique method of approaching ongoing problems with new insights that lead to solutions.

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