

Penn State University – School of Visual Arts
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A&A 411 IDS Capstone II
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Course Description

IDS Capstone II provides arts and design students an opportunity to implement a digital art and design undergraduate thesis.

Class Structure

Class is scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays. There will be just a few lectures throughout the course. Class, for the most part will consist of individual meetings and presentations. The class participants will be split into two groups. Students in each group will meet individually with the professor according to the weekly schedule (see the end of this syllabus). Students who do not meet with the professor on a class day are expected to use the time for lab time, and should work on their projects during class. Students can also schedule longer appointments of half an hour or more with the instructor on Mondays from 10 AM to 12 PM or Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Students will have scheduled class critiques (see the end of this syllabus for details). There will be two major critiques, one around the middle of the semester, in which IDS faculty will be invited to sit in, and a final thesis critique to be held at the end of the semester. The final critique will take the form of an exhibition/presentation open to the public and possibly available online.

Learning Outcomes:

1. To understand how content and form are combined to communicate a message.
2. To understand the history and theory that is relevant to digital art and design.
3. To acquire a basic understanding of conceptual models important in visual culture and especially in digital art and design.
4. To gain historical knowledge of the diverse production in digital art and design.
5. To be able to develop a major thesis project that fulfills the requirement of the IDS Program

A Note on Plagiarism

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. A student who commits plagiarism will be reported to the office of the visual arts. The student's behavior will be taken very seriously and dealt with according to the guidelines provided by Penn State University, School of Visual Arts. To avoid plagiarism, please cite your sources when appropriate.

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In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, you must contact the appropriate disability services office at the campus where you are officially enrolled, participate in an intake interview, and provide documentation: <http://equity.psu.edu/ods/guidelines>. If the documentation supports your request for reasonable accommodations, your campus's disability services office will provide you with an accommodation letter. Please share this letter with your instructors and discuss the accommodations with them as early in your courses as possible. You must follow this process for every semester that you request accommodations.

Safety Information

Students in the School of Visual Arts may find themselves working in the shop or in their studios or classrooms using a variety of power and hand held equipment, which may cause injury. Students should use the shop only after having received an orientation in the use of such equipment and when supervised by faculty or shop personnel. Should any injuries occur, in the shop, studios, or classrooms in the School of Visual Arts please report them to Matt Olson, Shop Supervisor, Room 108-A Visual Arts Building, Phone: 814-865-3962, email: mjo5165@psu.edu.

Required Readings

This is a research based class. Required readings and resources will be assigned to each student individually.

Course Requirements

Please note that final grades are dependent upon consistent performance in all course requirements.

- **Attend every class session.** (See attendance below for more details.)
- **Participate in class and online discussions.**
- **There are a total of 2 major presentations, one during midterms and the second at the end of the term.**
- **There are no make-ups.** Please check with me for possible exceptions. Not consulting with me prior to the dates when assignments are due will lead to an automatic F for the respective assignment.

Grading

- Attendance 25%
- Class Participation/forums (in class discussion and critiques) 20%
- Midterm Presentation 25%
- Final Presentation/Thesis completion 30%

Total 100%

Grade Scale

Letter grade assignments are as follows:

- 94-100 = A
- 90-93 = A-
- 87-89 = B+
- 84-86 = B
- 80-83 = B-
- 77-79 = C+
- 74-76 = C
- 70-73 = C-
- 60-69 = D
- 0-59 = F

Attendance

- Three Absences = F, Three tardies (15 minutes late or early departure) = one absence.
- One Absence will take away 1.5% from attendance grade and 1.5% from class participation.
- There are no excused absences unless it is an extreme case. Please check with me for exceptions.

Semester Schedule

The schedule may change as the semester progresses. For the latest updates, please check Angel, and check class e-mails regularly.

Week 1:

Monday, January 8, 2018

Introduction | Go over schedule for the Spring semester | Develop order of presentation for the coming weeks | Discuss organization of discussion forums

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Brief Individual meetings with each student to go over updates on projects | Continue to Provide Feedback on Canvas

Week 2:

Monday, January 15, 2018

Martin Luther King Day, No Classes

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Class presents as a group for general in-class critique

Week 3:

Monday, January 22, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Week 4:

Monday, January 29, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Week 5:

Monday, February 5, 2018

Lecture | Short Individual Meetings

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Lecture | Short Individual Meetings

Week 6:

Monday, February 12, 2018

Class presents as a group for general in-class critique, Part 1 | Provide feedback on Canvas discussion forum

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Class presents as a group for general in-class critique, Part 2 | Provide feedback on Canvas discussion forum

Week 7:

Monday, February 19, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Week 8:

Monday, February 26, 2018

Class presents as a group for general in-class critique

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Lab Day: Reflect on Group Presentation | Provide feedback on Canvas discussion forum

Week 9:

Monday, March 5, 2018

Spring Break

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Spring Break

Week 10:

Monday, March 12, 2018

Prepare for midterm presentation | Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Prepare for midterm presentation | Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Week 11:

Monday, March 19, 2018

Midterm Presentation to Faculty (May change to next week, depending on faculty schedule)

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Lecture | Go over adjustment of Thesis based on Presentation Feedback

Week 12:

Monday, March 26, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Week 13:

Monday, April 2, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Individual Meetings with half of the class according to schedule | Lab Day

Week 14:

Monday, April 9, 2018

Preliminary presentation for final thesis part 1 | Provide feedback on Canvas discussion forum

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Preliminary presentation for final thesis part 2 | Provide feedback on Canvas discussion forum

Week 15:

Monday, April 16, 2018

Prepare for final thesis presentation | Individual Meetings

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Prepare for final thesis presentation | Individual Meetings

Week 16

Monday, April 23, 2018

Final Presentation | Exhibition Part 1

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Final Presentation | Exhibition Part 2

Week 17:

Friday, May 4, 2018

Submit adjustments to Presentation