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| Course Title | Contemporary Design | Instructor(s) | chunghsien LIN |
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| Class Style | solo | Office Hours | To be announced |
| Track | | Mode of Instruction | lecture |
| Credits | 2 | Allocated Year | 2nd, 2025 spring |
| Active Learning | | Compulsory or Elective | Elective |
| Course Overview | <p>This class aims to provide students with an overview of design, divided into two parts. The first part covers theoretical knowledge, including design thinking and commonly used methods such as the KJ method and User-Centered Design (UCD). Additionally, students will engage in practical exercises in workshop way with case studies in class.</p> <p>The second part focuses on more practical exercises, where students are encouraged to identify inconveniences in their lives and solve them using design thinking methods. At the end of the course, a small presentation will be held to show the concept and process of students' thinking.</p> | | |
| Course Objectives | <p>At the end of this course,</p> <p>1 Students will be able to get the essential ideas of the design process and methods.</p> <p>2 Students will investigate real-world issues and apply design thinking to solve everyday problems.</p> <p>3 Students will develop systematic thinking skills and showcase their understanding of the design process through portfolio organization.</p> | | |
| Prerequisite | Nnoe | | |
| Course Schedule | No | Contents | Homework |
| | 1 | Introduction | assignment |
| | 2 | Introduction | none |
| | 3 | Design Thinking (1) | reviewing |
| | 4 | Design Thinking (2) | assignment |
| | 5 | Design Method (1) | reviewing |
| | 6 | Design Method (2) | Prepare for presentation |
| | 7 | Group Exercises& Presentation | Prepare for presentation |
| | 8 | Group Exercises& Presentation | reviewing |
| | 9 | Design Process (1) Brainstorming | worksheet |
| | 10 | Design Process (2) Brainstorming | Portfolio |
| | 11 | Design Process (3) Define | Portfolio |
| | 12 | Design Process (4) Create Solutions | Portfolio |
| | 13 | Design Process (5) Prototype (ideas) | Prepare for presentation |
| | 14 | Presentation & feedback part1 | Prepare for presentation & Self-reflection |
| 15 | Presentation & feedback part2 | none | |
| Grading | <p>Presentation 30% (short presentation and final presentation)</p> <p>Participation 30%</p> | | |

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| | Final Portfolio 40% |
| Textbooks | You need not to purchase the textbooks. |
| References | Design of the Times: Using Key Movements and Styles for Contemporary Design, Bhaskaran, Lakshmi, Rotovision. 2005. Other references will be provided during class. |
| NOTES | We are not going through the entire design process, instead we focus on the creative phase of design thinking. You don't have to worry about drawing skills, just share the process of design thinking and your ideas in the final presentation and portfolio to us would be fine. |