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## **Inaugural Design Forge 2018 Summary**



## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: **Introduction**

Elon By Design hosted **Design Forge: Design Thinking for Student Learning** on March 29 & 30, 2018 at the Center for Design Thinking at Elon University. Design Forge is an annual day-and-a-half event focusing on advancing design thinking in higher education. The 2018 Design Forge focused on this question: How might we create ways to use design thinking projects as project based learning?

Design Forge is part design sprint and part convening. Faculty, design practitioners, and others work together to launch new relationships and generate questions, resources, ideas, and frameworks that advance how design thinking contributes to student learning. 23 higher education and organizational leaders assembled for hands-on exercises, structured conversation and intense collaboration.

The discussion, questions, dissecting ideas and presentations were designed to: 1) sketch a framework for design thinking projects tied to curricular learning outcomes; 2) lay the groundwork for a faculty toolkit for design thinking projects; and 3) pursue open questions that may support later design thinking scholarship, classroom application or contributions to practice.

Luke Jones from the College of Innovation and Design at Boise State University attended to experience what Elon has accomplished first hand, and to take ideas back to Boise State: "Seeing a university like Elon that is a forerunner in design thinking and how it brought people here as a convener and organizer of a national discussion is impressive."

During Design Forge, attendees discussed how to integrate design thinking projects into course curricula in a way that enhances how students learn from the iterative and innovative process. Discussion topics ranged from how to better understand students, to using design projects in industry, and to ways of connecting design project to course curriculum. The engagement was lively, thought-provoking and actionable.

At Design Forge, **Wendy Angst**, associate teaching professional from the University of Notre Dame, and **Claudia Roeschmann**, associate professor of communications at Texas State University, led a session to develop a shared understanding of tools and design methods to use before, during and after the design thinking project. Design Forge attendees filled in blanks on the template and offered their ideas and analysis, all of which were compiled and sent to the Design Forge group. The idea is to build a large database of tools for use in the field by instructors – tools that will improve the learning experience for students, and lead to greater understanding and involvement by professors in other fields of study.

**Kevin Galloway**, Director of Making at the School of Engineering at Vanderbilt University said, "as you go down a path you run into roadblocks or sections that won't work. Design thinking allows me to deal with the question 'What do I do with this fork in the road?' I now have resources to follow up on — books that were recommended and ideas about how to run different stages of design thinking. There is a lot of rich content here. A lot of content I can go back to for inspiration."

The first Design Forge at Elon revealed that design thinking leaders in higher education all face similar challenges. Coming together to ask more and better questions as they seek mutually helpful solutions is an essential step, and one that will continue as Elon's Design Forge continues to grow in the years to come. "It's a big deal to be able to come out here and connect. Especially a group this size is great for having some really good conversations," said **Timothy Moore**, Learning Experience Designer at Claremont Colleges.

Design Forge also offered participants the opportunity to get feedback from peers on their projects. Participants represented institutions such as the University of Notre Dame, Virginia Tech, Northwestern University, Vanderbilt University, Carnegie Mellon University, Boise State University, the Milken Institute, Claremont Colleges, Texas State University, Tulane University and Alamance Community College. "I want everyone to benefit immediately from their participation in the event," Dawan Stanford, Director of Design Thinking at Elon University and the organizer of Design Forge, said, "We want to pull together what we discuss here — what students show up with, what the learning journey looks like, what are the learning outcomes we're seeking, and what would go into an ideal toolkit for faculty," Stanford continued. "The idea is to share this with a broader community of folks — how we might use design thinking to improve student learning. I'm hoping to make these lessons available so that we're not just improving student learning at Elon, but we're improving student learning at universities across the country."

### ■ Among the Institutions Represented:

University of Notre Dame  
Virginia Tech  
Northwestern University  
Vanderbilt University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Boise State University  
The Milken Institute  
Claremont Colleges  
Texas State University  
Tulane University  
Alamance Community  
College



## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: **Participants and Agenda**

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## Design Forge 2018 Agenda

### Day One

8:30–9:30	Breakfast
9:30–10:30	Welcome, Introductions, Project-based Learning Introduction
10:30–11:30	Empathy Map: Seeing the Learner
11:30–12:30	Design Thinking Projects — Learning Journey Map
12:30–1:45	Lunch & Stories
1:45–2:00	Stoke
2:00–3:15	Learning Outcomes Generator for Design Thinking Projects
3:15–3:30	Energy Break
3:30–4:00	What's the Better Future?
4:00–5:00	Hive Mind: Workshopping Peer Interests and Questions
5:00–6:30	Drinks & Conversation
6:30–8:00	Dinner & Stories

### Day Two

8:30–9:30	Breakfast
9:30–9:45	Day One Overview & Stoke
9:45–10:00	A Practitioner's Thoughts on Design Projects in Industry
10:00–11:15	Design Thinking Toolkit Hack
11:15–11:30	Break
11:30–12:30	What questions must a toolkit answer?
12:30–1:00	Connecting to Curriculum
1:00–2:15	Lunch & Stories
2:15–2:30	Stoke
2:30–3:25	Asks & Commitments
3:25	Ending Stoke & Thanks





## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: **How We Worked Together**

For Design Forge 2018, Dr. Stanford, created the two-day experience with participants, Elon faculty, and design-driven innovation thought leaders. Many people helped create and choose to the topic, activities, space design, food and refreshments, and energy stokes.

### Topic

How might we create ways to use design thinking projects as project-based learning? This question became the focus of our work together to capture opportunities for students created by faculty outside design programs who incorporate design projects into their work. Many faculty members, after initial interest in design thinking, would struggle with where to start and how to create a learning experience for their students. The topic question opened a problem space shared by the attendees and colleagues from other universities.

### Activities

The conversations and activities were designed to capture the related teaching experience of the designers and practitioners in the room and generate new ideas. Each hands-on activity was designed to give everyone quiet space to think while leveraging the face-to-face interactions and conversation. Good food, snacks, a little dancing, and regular shifts between ways of working kept the energy going. To generate, collect and socialize ideas, we used sticky notes, letter-size workbooks, templates form 11x17 to 36x48 inches, and 4x8 boards. We took pictures of everything, entered the data and organized it in this document.

### Space

Design Forge participants worked in pairs, in three small groups and as a large group. The Center for Design Thinking offered the portable walls, whiteboards and furniture our work required.



**Top Right:** Empathy mapping student experience. **Middle:** Learning Journey Map. **Bottom Right:** Toolkit building template created by Wendy Angst and Claudia Roeschmann

## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: **Learner Empathy Maps Data**

Project Based Learning Experiences	Action	Desires	Pains
<b>Freshmen/Sophomore</b>			
High school clubs/classes Very little project-based experience Art-based experiences (vs design) Sophmores - strong design PBL via freshman year Struggle with teams/groups  Well-defined schedules, benchmarks Struggle with means of feedback and evaluation Grading schedule/checkpoints with grades Competitions and awards Success through self-satisfaction of tangible work outcomes	Challenges working in teams Inexperienced with teamwork One main driver - doer Faculty give feedback, students are passive Expectations of more direct guidance and feedback - "instructions" Faculty directing, Students following Moving on from research to action. Thinking --> Making Students underestimating the amount of time required Idea vs user-led concepts Students slow to ask for help Delayed and reserved/hesitation Looking for "right" and "wrong" answers Waiting for the answer Low enthusiasm when things get tough High enthusiasm when things go well Presentations are PowerPoint and "business-y" Documentation and reflection "Pitching" their process Physical making/models Identifying failure	Networking opportunities - internship? Build connections Learn something new Hopes and expectations of solving significant problems "Making a Difference" Meaningful work Equal roles and responsibilities A grade that reflects their efforts True/authentic peer input Top-tier company Expectations --> recognition of work Recognition of their role and expertise Identify individual contribution within teamwork Portfolio building - resume enhancing Building a portfolio of work Resume builder	Exposing yourself through shared work - vulnerability Frustrated by non-specific outcome Ambiguity Having to compromise and negotiate and make decisions as a team Failed group dynamics Frustrated by lack of control that comes with group work Variability of projects and outcomes Resources to enhance work Concern over amount of work Bad experiences with group work Scheduling with team members Putting aside ego Insecurities about quality of work - solution and presentation Not getting it right the first time Balancing work-life - staying healthy Time commitment PBL = more time which is limited Concern about high stakes Grades Adjusting to shifting "landscape" of the course
<b>Sophomore/Junior</b>			
Spring semester sophomore at X university My spark was lit Strong endings I have had project work but not with as much structure as DT Divide and conquer practice Faculty guided, facts-based Undergrad research Project in class 1st time project Superficial beginnings strong endings All my classes do projects Here we go again PBL disciplinary methods Introduced Faculty-guided Passive lecture Passive reading Some exposure Early experiences Divide and conquer approaches Frustration Tools-based Modeling	Unwillingness/inability to do "small" projects You don't understand my generation Need to contextualize every activity Making connections in theory and practice Writing Visiting Maker Space Planning Students to faculty for answers F/s tension Courage to step out See thoughts in others ubuntu Applied methods Building things Energetic Supportive Consultant Coach Mentor Journal reflexes Emotional Sniping and griping Judgmental Actual progress Video Solve the world's problems Not willing to follow my dreams Visiting, building, planning	I hope I can do something meaningful but without any negative academic consequences I want to do something tangible that can contribute to my portfolio to get me a job Positive GPA I wish there was a roadmap Structure clear Fun to apply what has been learned Clear expectations Structured Assurance of good grade Good grades Positive effect on GPA I want everyone to do their part I want to make a difference Grand challenges Solve the world's problems Portfolio work Getting jobs/internships I want to make connections Exposure socially Contribute to entrepreneurial dreams Awards that might lead to internship	Ideas won't work They won't like/get it Checked out I do all the work Too many teammates Busy schedule Frustration with slackers How do I know if it's done? Ambiguous Messy No one right answer Life gets in the way Meeting with other students outside of class Is it good? Too creative More self-directed Is this meaningful? Nervous Timid about what they know I am starting to feel a part of it, but am nervous of the ambiguity I am very busy and it is difficult to meet with my teammates.

## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: **Learner Empathy Maps Data** (cont.)

Project Based Learning Experiences	Action	Desires	Pains
<b>Junior/Senior</b>			
Group research projects, presentation, essay Specific project framework Being a part of a club Study abroad Intro freshman course Gen Ed labs Individual research projects, presentation, essay Variable experiences Mixed bag In-class worksheets Degree of exposure depends on program PBL may have been presented in different ways Self-directed projects (maker) Analogous team experience Science lab teams Lots of examples of outcomes that get press Divide and conquer Generally grade-focused	Developing professional identities but still in transition Jump straight to solution Seeing others present Peer review Make Building mentoring relationships Curious where to go with energy Desire for teacher shifting between guide --> facilitator Focused on publicly available info Lasting impact Peer learning Remake Senioritis Last big chance Presentation + critique External meetings Rescheduling due to other life things (spring break, football, etc) Hesitant to get started Rushing to the next deadline Presenting to "teacher" Pitching an idea Proximity to graduation matters Setting a tangible end deliverable	Job or a next step Step to the next thing Feedback loops as productive mechanism Make a contribution Make real changes to challenging situations Real-world application Real world outcomes Real world resume skills Things I can use later Tangible outcome I can see Convincing people to use something Something to be proud of Identity Meaningful, deliverable Clear assessment of work Ability to work well in teams Direct skill application from prior years Portfolio development A strong portfolio piece Hard skills that can be applied during an internship Show off unique skills Connection to professional goals or interests A rubric of things to have	Differing motivations Differing end goals Concerns about evaluations/grading Feedback is ambiguous and conflicting Discomfort with ambiguity No real outcome or testing Neg: team dynamics, ambiguous, time line Lack of structure They don't like our idea Afraid to talk to people Individual ownership vs teamwork Frustrations with unsuccessful collaborations Fulfilling grad requirements Just want to sit and listen Balancing project with other demands Fear of moving to the next step... do we have the right problem? do we have a good idea? Rejection: partner/client, team members, professor Being exposed as incompetent Looking over-eager to peers Perfectionism - conflicting styles Bad team members Poor team dynamic



## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: Learning Journey Maps Data

### Freshmen / Junior / Senior

	Introduction	Frame	Explore	Generate	Prototype	Cultivate	Lead
<b>Student Activities</b>	Intro Activity in Class Choose bored our personal experiment exposure Making an internal "syllabus"	Secondary primary research TED Talks speakers Ask questions LMGTFY Identify meaningful problem Identify a lineage	Getting off campus and get outside peer O Gallery walk	Brainstorm session Type of presentation Filtering feedback	Building Rebuilding Decide how to build 1-2 IDEAS Scalability User testing Iterative process Learning to seek feedback	Pitch my Prototype Being O.K. w/ failure Co-tri Co-Tri-ti Prototypes Being BRAN	Facilitating problem solving w/ group Model curiosity
<b>Faculty Support &amp; Role</b>	Hearing about it at a conference Set the stage for methods Ensuring support Colleague mentions or uses it Manager Frame and deadline Setting boundary Set framework and defile limitations Framing -ambiguity -curiosity -innovation -discovery Building culture	Build opportunities to think about meaning	Define "meaning" to the team	Dedicates enough time to out and explore Set benchmarks Early time & being explicit Feedback Check in	Throw in curveballs (constraints new ideas, etc.) Asking probing "Whys"	Ask "why?" a lot What question did you answer	Reorient Specificity
<b>Challenges</b>	Building culture Feedback culture	Community conviction and context Jump to solutions	Process vs. output feedback Listening Don't use discovery	Commitment to one idea Letting people to xxxx feedback	Patience for not putting yourself in it?	Overcoming norms from other colleagues	How to deal with roles
<b>Opportunities</b>		People out of their comfort zone	Modeling the right activity How to give feedback for all	Surfacing road blocks	See what doesn't work		Develop a leadership ladder

## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: Learning Journey Maps Data

### Freshmen / Sophomore

	Introduction	Frame	Explore	Generate	Prototype	Cultivate	Lead
<b>Student Activities</b>	Situate self w/in the environment Get outside! e.g. fieldtrip Overview of the whole process (Start to finish) Syllabus Bootcamp Deep Dive Design Sprint Shopping Cart Video =  Workshop on DT during summer internship Design Sprint as part of course	Research, topic interview, storytelling & develop user profiles How to do ethnog. Summary Persona Self-discovery exercises What are your passions? Finding Framing? Design Brief Situate self w/in the problems (define lens) Client presentation What is the right design ques? • Slaps stats • Customer discovery. Market analysis. • Students vote from a list of challenges & corresponding sponsors	POV Fieldwork – empathy getting outside yourself UNI Framework IRB Approval Ethnography tool introduction Design ethnography Practice ethnography & refine Pattern identification	Ideation Co-Design w/ people: stockholders/users Pitch Critique Training/boot camp on effective presentations	Intro to Methods Rapid Design Charette Use skills built in class to build prototypes	Product- svc- experience Co-creation Ghost deck for client Invest & Come to an idea, Iterate & refine Push Cart Constraints Vote Seek sponsor feedback	Team management Time management Motivation
<b>Faculty Support &amp; Role</b>	Facilitate student "mixer" or speed dating Baseline of "instruction" Ideally, fac/staff helps student reflect on learning (guide) Facilitator Fac/support as coach/ expert Strategies on dead space and learning pauses	Discovery exercises self-reflection Secure project & scope it Facilitator Provide variety list of HCD challenges	Protocols interview techniques (From HCD) Provide Frames & examples "Light" research methods Strategies for moving from QA to discovery	Facilitate Guidance on facilitating workshops-Pilot! Strategies for peer Stakeholder critique Modeling effective critique Outside experts business/industry	Faculty as motivator. Think > Make! Provide ideas/material to students to explore as they prototype	Reinforce the idea Selection methods Guide & motivate	Back Off, be there to support
<b>Challenges</b>	Over caring ambiguity Is fac/staff sufficient versed DT? How are internships supported pre/post experience? Is reflection Right fit of sprint	Helping flexible vs "save the world" Right Fit project to class/time Finding challenges that are double in semester	Asking the right questions Unfamiliarity discomfort w/ human re searched face – face	Making useful	Perfectionism Finding the right level of facility	Assessing scope & feasibility of solutions Timeframe	Race "damage" if done poorly
<b>Opportunities</b>	C: Students feel rushed O: Low Risk/Low time commitment Satisfying enough experience for student How synthesize learning	Working on something come about	Feedback Learning about others finding empathy!	Assessing options Balancing your ideas w/ user input	Comfort with "mess"		Peer monitoring Amazing change if done well – visible change



## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: Learning Journey Maps Data

### Sophomore / Junior

	Introduction	Frame	Explore	Generate	Prototype	Cultivate	Lead
<b>Student Activities</b>	75 – min module Intro to DT Gift – Giving Who is IDEO? EXAMPLES OR DT IN ACTION? READING CASE STUDIES Learning what design thinking is	Design brief to guide team Research plan Brainstorm Skills inventory (Student) Superpowers Google Searches	Empathy Map Interviewing Stakeholders	Trigger questions Mind map Crazy eights sketches Scamper Analogies Brain writing circle Franken Ideation Couse Mapping	SAP prototype scene 3-minute videos Napkin pitch	Storytelling or pitching idea Retrospective	Risk DT 
<b>Faculty Support &amp; Role</b>	Fundraising Sponsorship Setting up celebrity panel of judges Sprint Leader Resources Videos What's the point?	2nd day research observation interviews How to talk to strangers seeing like an Anthropologist Business idea for Do-Good Challenge	Connecting to campus partners	Structure Reflection prompts Guidance Idea huff sheets Crazy Challenges	What went well What didn't go as well Plan Can't stop start "Stress-testing" idea		Connecting to incubator
<b>Challenges</b>		Researching other than Google	Figuring out what has to be part a good solution "What does it mean?" Linking research to idea			Creative vs. project driven	
<b>Opportunities</b>	What can I do with this?	Team formation					

## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: **Toolkit Session Outputs**

### What is working?

#### Before

Strong theoretical basis  
Academics outcomes  
Meaningful projects with real clients  
Identifying sponsors clients  
Scoping projects  
Developing relationships with clients  
Setting fundamentals knowledge  
Building community  
Build culture, encourage curiosity, intellectual risk, meaning  
Build familiarity across class, personality, work habit, skills  
Course memory history, ethnography  
Collaborative planning with team teachers  
Organizing via Google slide decks  
Abundant resources  
Worksheets PDF, AI, INDD  
PP slides teaching notes  
Assignment prep ahead of time  
Tic-toc  
Assignment prep ahead of time  
Video prep to help

#### During

Faculty music feedback  
Check Ins  
Moments for participants reflection relate to their work  
Peer Feedback  
Bringing in a client once a month for feedback review  
Sequential & co-teaching (i.e., varied voices and expertise)  
Non-extrinsic motivators  
Group camaraderie  
Students excited to apply K & S to serve  
Final presentations for partners focused on user journey  
Students required to meet with sponsor  
Cusr deadlines (earlier is better)  
Meeting reseller milestones  
Really good ethnography  
Fieldwork! e.g short research immersion  
Built in "day act"  
(Get out of the classroom)  
Flexibility for students (they have several weeks to change / Switch)  
Budget for teams  
Lots of show not tell  
Coustant regular feedback  
Small wins  
Start, stop, continue  
Peer assessment  
Coaches to help students teams  
Intensional stokes  
Journals

#### After

Process reflection  
Collaborative grading  
Prototype deliverable  
Final presentation  
Portfolio page deliverable  
Final pitch to CEO  
Reflection  
Student reflection  
Statement of accomplishment  
Summary debrief  
Exit survey of skills, self assessment (Google forms)  
End of course survey  
Pitch night celebrity judges  
Useful artificials (website, products, proposals, etc.)  
Present on campus, community

### What is struggle?

Setting expectations with sponsors clients  
Need more variety of industry examples  
Layout timelines  
How to scope class  
Funding (I hate fundraising)  
How to structure course content in relation to DT process  
Appropriate scoping of projects  
Narrowing topic to something team enjoys  
Clearly defining partner expectations and timeline  
Identifying community partners  
Defining context  
Building trust  
Securing fieldwork views  
Guest speakers  
Budgeting cost  
Finding group projects for students  
Determining something meaningful to work on  
Getting students who are excited

Getting students ready to listen  
Bringing skepticals / convincing  
Finding a common time for giving group feedback  
Assessing student work  
Running with first Idea  
Not doing multiple attention  
Training students to properly uncover good vs. bad use examples wrong  
Push outside comfort zone  
Some students struggle with experimenting to test ideas to learn needs insights  
Having case studies real world examples  
Resistance to complete process steps  
Old habits of group work  
Building students capacity to manage group dynamics  
Fostering group + interdependence  
Some student teams don't get  
Maintaining scheduled syllables responding to students  
Group meeting time  
Getting some students to put the time in  
Groups working in different paces  
Team Contracts  
Feedback rounds with persons and with client  
Time Management  
Making choices decision making  
Documentation  
Recitation Coach  
Need for resilience  
Competing demands on time  
Students' motivation  
Faculty motivation  
Momentum

Artifacts  
Connections to incubators  
Is this it (Where to not)  
Transfer/knowning now/what transferred  
Assessment styles inconsistent  
Discipline to storytell  
One pager  
Getting proper documentary from team  
Grading: it's subjective  
Iterating every year  
Lack of pride in artifacts  
Keeping the project sponsor involved  
Project retirement  
Are we delivering enough to the project sponsor  
little happens  
Students spinning out. Not shelving the project

## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: **Toolkit Session Outputs** (cont.)

What is struggle?	Before	During	After
	IDEOU Canvas Field guide Liedtka, Ogilvie, Brozen Designkit.org Field guide to human centered design Switch (Heathrow) Good + Bad Project scope Scoping Checklist Examples Students, Timelines/recruiting materials pitch DFA Students Mindset C.Dweck IDEO Sprints Knaaps Sprints book Google drive Scrum Trello Basecamp Asana	Concept mapping Google slide decks Live demos Make tools prototyping materials critical response process llif lemon Each project gets a budget (\$20 ) sketchbook/ Journal video trade show Unpacking interview structure opp statement and POV statement Adobe connect for virtual crit sessions Ringer crystal ball wild cards Metaphor cards Adobe kickboy Idea-U AEIOU worksheet Hacking to for journal Material on loft. io/guide Luma Institute Innovating for people In person large group chokins and sharmy Instrumental assignment/ milestones Extreme user poster break up letter Team Meal Tell me story Nupkin Pitch Canva Protobot cards Scamper Podcast ( observation) Sy Partners feedback guide Team health Buy,bring,build Sap prototype scenes Journey map	AACIL peerival nubnic Video story Story/Storyboarding Ted X organizer (for presentations) Written/reflections/prompt Slack for communicating Next steps

### Missing from Toolkit Sessions Output Poster:

- The right audience
- Stoke
- Pitch Techniques
- Platform to share resources
- List of key buzzwords
- Compelling proposals – consistent language
- Marketing to students
- Course descriptions
- Catalog
- Website
- What Skills does industry recognize as valuable?
- Facilitator's guide
- Process guide
- How to facilitate meeting/process
- Exemplars
- Work products from successful/unsuccessful / from many disciplines
- Rubric examples
- Things to know/re-member
- Overview of how people learn
- Research on its efficacy
- Who is active? Contacts
- Best practices connected to learning theory
- "Tic-toc" Examples

### Must-Haves:

- Toe-dippers
- Mini modules for faculty
- What discipline? Arts? Science? Des? Bus? Cam? +++
- How much time is available?
- Need easy ideas
- Need advanced ideas
- How much prior research is done?
- Is it time to be creative?
- Client & Community partner strategies
- Assessment data for admin (1)
- Univ. leadership buy-in (2)
- Student buy-in
- Advanced topics beyond
- Mindsets:
- Build a lot
- Resiliency
- Resources
- Decrease in perfectionism
- Productive failure
- Combating hopelessness
- Growth mindset
- Doer/maker mindset
- Training trainers
- Faculty buy-in

## Inaugural Design Forge 2018: Learning Outcome Data

Frame	Explore	Generate	Prototype	Cultivate	Lead	No Category
<p>Go "sit in the coffee shop" meet people where the problem is</p> <p>To apply the design thinking methodology to a course - provided challenge and understand has it could be more broadly applied to other challenges</p> <p>Prepare and adapt for external changes/ opportunities Yes, and be able to articulate how you evolved the project</p> <p>Scope an appropriate project within constraints and future requirements from interviews and research</p> <p>Compose a design brief including design constraints</p> <p>Students will be able to describe design thinking</p> <p>Create an efficient research plan</p> <p>To describe design thinking tools and frameworks for each phase of the project - and be able to apply those tools</p> <p>To understand the "why" behind human behaviors</p> <p>Discern what is an appropriate design thinking project</p> <p>Students will be able to observe a situation, set baseline, draft a goal/ define human behaviors to understand potential unmet needs</p> <p>Create a project management plan</p> <p>Identify key issues</p> <p>SWBAT apply qual. interview technique to design challenges</p> <p>Develop understanding of human needs to define a problem</p> <p>For demonstrable basic understanding of the design phases</p> <p>SWBAT research existing work and articulate new ideas</p> <p>Get out and go see! Experience!</p> <p>SWBAT categorize ideas based on perceived value/ relevance</p> <p>yes and identify tools that can be used for each phase</p>	<p>Discover a person's or a thing's deeply felt problems</p> <p>SWBAT - Interpret stakeholder &amp; input to make design decisions</p> <p>Rewrite their problem statement based on user data</p> <p>Yes, and be able to present these findings</p> <p>Yes + devise/revise design</p> <p>Challenge expectations (expected outcomes)</p> <p>Discover the unknown during the process</p> <p>Create design criteria from research</p> <p>Estimate impacts - yes, and provide a business case</p> <p>Interview and observe others to gather qualitative data... and feel comfortable with pivoting if original challenge changes</p> <p>Express the advantages of user empathy in design - yes, and use humans needs to define and design</p> <p>To better address issue</p> <p>Synthesize qualitative data to define an unmet need</p> <p>Construct interview guides - yes, and practice the interview before finalizing</p> <p>Describe when one research approach is/isn't appropriate</p> <p>Discover collaboration as an asset</p> <p>practice effective tools for interviewing - among a variety of stakeholders</p> <p>Generate a list of design criteria to guide project development</p> <p>Synthesize research and identify problem spaces - and identify if problems have design potential - and move thoughtfully through the DT process</p> <p>Students will be able to move observation points, move bias</p> <p>Practice making and deriving meaning from observation</p> <p>Construct a personal profile</p>	<p>Sketch several solutions to the problem statement</p> <p>Predict pitfalls + opportunities for a group of solutions</p> <p>Use design criteria &amp; research to generate ideas</p> <p>Learn to revise and rewrite</p> <p>Present key concepts to users</p> <p>Appraise/provide feedback to peers/teammates</p> <p>Collect feedback and generate next steps</p> <p>Develop a list of design constraints based on user input</p> <p>Generate many possible solutions to the problem statement</p> <p>Student will be able to see connection of theory to real world + examples so theory + example + practice</p> <p>Generate ideas that links research and human needs to a solution</p> <p>Describe the process and relate the solution back to the client/customer</p> <p>Build on initial idea or restate</p> <p>Prepare ethnography studies to capture feedback from key stakeholders and conduct studies with sensitivity, compassion, empathy</p> <p>Use design criteria and research to generate ideas</p> <p>Brainstorm ideas</p> <p>Ya through equitable exchange</p> <p>SWBAT collaborate with peers through idea generation</p> <p>SWBAT breakdown instructor and peer critique to refine design</p> <p>Students will employ a study framework</p> <p>Interview and observe others and gather qualitative data</p> <p>Change who you are - ask the janitor</p> <p>Yes and clarify intent of project</p>	<p>And employ prototyping strategies for building out potential solutions</p> <p>Articulate why design decisions were chosen over others</p> <p>Build + test sample prototypes and create new ideas based on feedback and evaluate prototypes based on our testing</p> <p>SWBAT construct prototypes based on "x" needs</p> <p>Develop a trial and error-based approach</p> <p>Identify ideal output scenario (presentation)</p> <p>See what exists, modify, and improve</p> <p>To have better conversations</p> <p>And re-evaluate prototype II...</p> <p>Assemble and disassemble</p> <p>Relate feedback to their own project maybe?</p> <p>Revise prototypes based on direct feedback</p> <p>Create simple prototypes from ideas</p> <p>Defend decisions based on data - and re-formulate</p> <p>Students will devise a plan to learn through prototyping</p> <p>Test ideas for success - yes, and use the test results to redesign in an iterative process</p> <p>Detach themselves emotionally from ideas in order to test what as to be true for idea to be a good solution</p> <p>Recognize when and how interpersonal dynamics encourage or inhibit creativity</p> <p>Refine a prototype based on design criteria and research - yes, and something about feedback/crit.</p> <p>Identify cognitive bias in their work</p> <p>Students will be able to create simple and complex prototypes from ideas</p> <p>Sketch plausible design intents- yes, and get user feedback - and iterate based on user feedback</p>	<p>Analyze feedback received from peers, users, prof.</p> <p>And categorize feedback into new questions/directions.</p> <p>Defend design decisions made</p> <p>But also understand the importance of 'critique'</p> <p>Illustrate their process</p> <p>And present key discovery back to the stakeholders</p> <p>Students will explain the goal of each phase of DT</p> <p>Yes, and its relationship to the process</p> <p>Construct a story blueprint to share their work with an audience</p> <p>Is it worth the \$ you're spending on your ideas</p> <p>Sketch an action timeline</p> <p>Yes, to accurately define scope and limitations</p> <p>Modify a project plan to appropriate project outcomes</p> <p>Move the idea into a place where the impact is visible</p> <p>Reflect critically on process and refine ideas</p> <p>And develop what critical reflection entails</p> <p>Change the focus</p> <p>SWBAT use DT to build new skills through projects - yes, and will be able to identify, define, rank those skills</p> <p>Apply a core set of design methods - yes, and to complex challenges</p> <p>Students will immediately return/utilize DT practices in future projects</p> <p>Model DT practices for projects/problems across/ in other courses</p> <p>Describe how DT can be used to approach projects in other courses</p> <p>Summarize design intent - yes and do this in a way that is grounded in user research</p>	<p>Develop expertise</p> <p>Employ DT in non-design situations (or aspects of DT) Yes, and offer tools &amp; resources easily adapted to</p> <p>Facilitate a group feedback session</p> <p>And divide tasks as a team</p> <p>Define personal skills that can add to a team</p> <p>Communicate</p> <p>Know your role in a group - know your strengths and weaknesses</p> <p>Facilitate a group decision</p> <p>Formulate appropriate feedback for others</p> <p>Get down to business</p> <p>Know how to implement seek opportunities</p> <p>Lead a design session with peers</p> <p>SWBAT demonstrate connections between process and outcomes</p> <p>SWBAT describe their process and identify critical decision points - yes, and communicate why they made those decisions</p> <p>Students will have the creative confidence to lead a design session</p> <p>Apply DT principles to lead a design session</p> <p>See value in there being multiple perspectives present</p> <p>Assess progress at each stage</p> <p>Seek opportunity in iteration</p> <p>SWBAT iterate, iterate, iterate</p> <p>Feel/experience the connections</p> <p>See it through someone else's lens</p> <p>To have a rough answer to the right question rather than a detailed answer to the wrong questions</p>	<p>SWBAT- Identify points of failure in their process &amp; generate action steps to overcome</p> <p>Yes + re-evaluate outcome</p> <p>SWBAT</p> <p>Devise a communication plan across team members</p> <p>Yes + evaluate their own performance against said plan</p> <p>Apply a design process to multiple scenarios regardless of disciplinary training</p>



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