USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN - MINOR

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Description
The User Experience Design minor provides students with comprehension
and applicable skills that focus on a product’s overall customer
experience, ease of use, control and feedback. The minor’s curriculum
covers fundamentals, principles, strategies, software, industry standards
and professional ethics in regards to user experience design, user
interface design, prototyping, usability, technology, software and
information architecture.

Admission Requirements
Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree,
the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized
Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the
A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students
may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare the User Experience Design minor, students must have a
minimum 2.700 overall Kent State University GPA and have completed 15
earned credit hours.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Create a portfolio as a means to demonstrate competencies.
2. Design and conduct research in a variety of ways necessary to
   understand users, stakeholders and competitors.
3. Apply principles of Information Architecture and Content Strategy to
   web and mobile design problems.
4. Create and evaluate structures to support information and content
   organization.
5. Test and critique existing designs and prototypes by employing
   usability testing methods.

6. Communicate design ideas in a variety of ways to design teams,
   stakeholders and developers.

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Minor Electives, choose from the following: 6

- DI 20100 INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN INNOVATION
- EMAT 33310 HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION
- VCD 20010 INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN RESEARCH
- VCD 34004 VISUAL ETHICS
- VCD 43001 INTERACTION DESIGN I
- VCD 46002 RESPONSIVE WEB DESIGN

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

Graduation Requirements

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• Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division
coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
• Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course
requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
• Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be
taken at Kent State (in residence).

Technology Requirements

• Personal laptop, preferably a MacBook Pro or a comparable PC that
  can handle video and animations.
• Subscription to Lynda.com (Kent State supplies a Lynda.com campus
subscription with enrollment).
• Primary software Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, After
  Effects, InDesign, XD, Muse and Edge Animate) and MS Office or
  Apple’s iWork Suite for each class.
• Other software may include Tumult Hype, Sketch, InVision, Transmit
  (or another FTP client), Text Edit, Balsamiq, Axure or Omnigraffle.