NIRMA UNIVERSITY

Institute:	INSTITUTE OF DESIGN	
Name of Programme:	BACHELOR OF DESIGN	
Course Code:	1DD202CC24	
Course Title:	Introduction to Design Process	
Course Type:	(Core/ Value Added Course/ Pepartmental	
	Elective/ Institute Elective/ University Elective/	
	☐ (Open Elective ☐Any other)	
Year of introduction:	Academic Year 2024-25	

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. Understand basic components of design process and apply it to real life situations BL2, BL3
- Conduct user research on an assigned problem in order to identify opportunities for design interventions BL4, BL5
- 3. Apply methods and processes for creative ideation BL2, BL3, BL6
- 4. Generate multiple solutions to address varied dimensions of a design problem BL5, BL6
- 5. Build and test solutions through prototyping BL4, BL5, BL6

Contents: Units	Contents Total Teach	ning hours: 75 Teaching hours
Unit 1	Introduction to the process of solving problems	10
	The process of designing	
	Stages of the design process	
	Thinking like a designer	
Unit 2	Analysing the design process through case studies	20
	Introduction to design research methods to understand	
	user environments	
	Material, behavioral and cultural contexts	
	Critical thinking and synthesis to identify opportunities	
	for design intervention	
	Developing the design brief	
Unit 3	Tools for Rapid Ideation	20
	Brain storming, mind mapping	

Unit 4	Final Solution & Prototyping	20
	Evaluation of solutions against parameters, selection of	
	one idea fulfilling criteria, mock-up making, field	
	testing with users	
Unit 5	Documentation of the design process	5

Self Study	
Suggested Readings/ References	 Curedale, Robert. Design Methods 1: 200 Ways to Apply Design Thinking. USA: Design Community College Inc. 2012 IDEO. The Field Guide to Human-Centered Design. Canada:IDEO. 2015 Lewrick, Michael, Patrick Link, Larry Leifer. The Design Thinking Toolbox: A Guide to Mastering the Most Popular and Valuable Innovation Methods. New Jersey: Wiley. 2020 LUMA Institute. Innovating for People: Human-Centered Design Planning Cards. USA: Luma Institute. 2012 Stolterman, Erik and Harold G. Nelson. The Design Way: International Change in an Unpredictable worlds. Cambridge: MIT Press. 2014.
	Viewing list Films of Charles and Ray Eames https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcmaziH9sW6NRTS PmGWhZHg4rOqyDaq-e
	Abstract: The Art of Design https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuctemCzX-m4svPpBctWUp0oGLhglq9
	Thinking About Tomorrow https://vimeo.com/86338190
	Extreme by Design https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOB4lep3TRw
	TED Talks Doug Dietz: The Design Thinking Journey-Using Empathy to Turn Tragedy into Triumph
	Kelly Anderson: Design to Change Reality
	Paola Antonelli: Design and the Elastic Mind
Suggested Case List	Designit https://www.designit.com/work/jrg-healthcare https://www.designit.com/work/reachout FinalMile https://www.thefinalmile.com/adolescent-girls-and-young-wo
	men https://www.thefinalmile.com/railway-safety

	Ideo		
	https://www.ideo.com/case-study/designing-waste-out-of-the-f		
	ood-system		
	https://www.ideo.com/case-study/a-new-way-to-vote-for-the-p		
	eople-of-los-angeles		
	Good Business Lab		
	https://www.goodbusinesslab.org/projects/incentivizing-take-u		
	p-and-usage-of-spectacles-in-the-workplace		
	Bandhu		
	https://www.bandhu.work/		
	Frog		
	https://www.frog.co/work/understanding-animals-through-tec		
	hnology-companion		
	https://www.frog.co/work/a-biopharmaceutical-company-that-		
	puts-the-patient-first		
Suggested field visits	Gandhi Ashram		
	Sunday Market		
	Akshaya Patra		
	Visit to a Design Studio in Ahmedabad		

w.e.f. Academic Year 2024-25 and onwards