

Design Thinking Studio: Advice for students from students¹

- Participate and communicate.
- Everyone contribute, to better yourself and also help your team.
- Just make sure you contribute as much as you can even if you are an introvert. You have to break out of your comfort zone to actually succeed in this course. You're going to have to communicate with your team all the time.
- Participate, persevere and manage your time wisely don't wait to do the work at the last second.
- Advice I would like to give to upcoming student is just focussed and linked properly with your team by having good coordination which helps you to achieve your goals.
- My advice is to regularly communicate with your teammates – especially if you aren't sure of something. Making sure everyone is on the same page is essential for guaranteeing work is time at an efficient speed.
- The advice I will give to future design thinking studio students is to keep your goals in mind, think and work on it.
- Get the things done asap and get it out of the way.
- Always be responsive to your teammates.
- I encourage all team members to dive in and participate in all the discussions and activities, because if you do not engage you miss the meaning of the cause and lose all the fun that you could have with your team
- Stay focused, don't get distracted because, any distraction is a bad distraction and could lead to you getting off track and wasting meeting times. With everything that needs to be done in the course there isn't much room to be distracted.
- Design Thinking at its core is the ability to come up with solutions and solve problems in a collaborative environment. Working with your group, sharing ideas and feedback will lead to a successful project.
- Good communication with team member.
- Work with your team to get the most out the project
- Endeavor to understand both the design process and how you and your team approach using.
- Talk, communicating with your group and working effectively together will lead to a better finished product
- You are not alone, don't be afraid to ask question to your teammates and your tutors, they are always there to help you
- Stay up to date on all course information
- Open mind and think out of box
- Stay persistent and don't give up
- Keep your team's shared doc organised.
- Make sure you are on top of your work!!!!
- One should come up and speak in the meetings and the tutorials. The best way to participate and learn from this course is to communicate with team members and teachers.
- Always make sure that every member of the Team is contributing to the project.

¹ Three points. Firstly, none of these comments have been edited, except to fix spelling mistakes. Secondly, near the end of the project you will be invited to provide advice to future DTS students – make it worthwhile. Thirdly, we suggest that you take the advice in this document seriously, for example: make a tea or coffee, then sit quietly and read every line; figure out what the different themes are; figure out which theme means the most to you; make a commitment to implement the advice that makes the most sense; highlight the parts of this document you want to remember.

- Make sure you establish as solid means of communication asap, otherwise it may be difficult once people get complacent with an inefficient messaging system or not having to be active.
- My advice for future DTS students will be that teamwork is the most important aspect of this course, so try to communicate well with your teammates.
- Stay consistent with work and on top of things
- Get familiar with your group.
- My advice would be that communication and being punctual and professional is must.
- Get started early so you're not under the pump.
- Save all the work you do in an organised manner
- Just ask a question if you don't understand.
- Be attentive to classes, meetings and put efforts to do assigned tasks in the project
- Always make time to do stand ups
- I would advise future DTS students to always get involved and do your work, otherwise you will fall behind quite quickly.
- Regularly check your emails and learn online website to stay up to date with any task or assignments that must be completed.
- One piece of advice to future design thinking studio students is to keep on top with the work as a team and make sure to spread the workload fairly among everyone within the team to ensure best possible results.
- One piece of advice for future DTS students is to stay disciplined and committed when undertaking this course. This way, future DTS students will not fall behind or cause hindrance to their team.
- One piece of advice for future DTS students is always ask when you have a question.
- I would advise the future DTS students to keep in mind that we learn this course to innovate ideas for good of people.
- Make sure you find out early if the group you are with is organised or not. If they are not within the first few lessons, get them organised. It will help you in the long run. Also, do not be concerned if you do not understand the terms, they are throwing at you. Ask your tutors for a basic explanation on the terms. They will help.
- I'm very lucky I had a great group and that most of us pulled our weight but if you're unfortunate and have team members that may not even rock up just don't worry about them and still move on and do your part it'll make life easier.
- Make friends with your team!
- The course might seem to a boring and purposeless at the beginning but after some time everything falls in place as we come to understand the real motive behind the course.
- I just want to say that they should concentrate properly and do all things at proper time.
- My advice to the future students is that you should daily check your emails that your teammates sent, always do your role that you are given by the team members and be helpful and kind to your teammates.
- Be prepared mentally to learn this concept, spend time grasp the ideology behind it, it's different, it's challenging but fun. You also need to keep in contact with your Team on a given project.
- The most important piece of advice is to start early, attend tutorials and stay on track with each tutorial.
- Ensure the questions you ask in the panel are going to help you come up with an innovation for the panel members.
- Make sure your team has open communication, it helped us a lot.

- Talk to your teammates and be organised
- Make sure you work well with your team. Without good communication and an understanding of each other, you'll find it difficult to complete the project/course.
- Be sure to ask lots of questions for clarification on what you need to do
- Don't miss the team meetings/ tutorials
- Be as organised as possible.
- Consistency is key, make sure all group members are consistent in the group meeting attendance and contributing little amounts per meeting.
- Be organised so you're up to date with work.
- Thinking outside the box and understanding problems from different perspectives
- Listen to your teammate carefully, try to attend every team meeting and do the task as quick as you can.
- Although you may dislike the content, I believe that it's a good learning experience to work together as many jobs depend on it.
- Record everything. If someone isn't doing work, record it. You had a great idea? Record it. Simple stuff like that.
- Do understand that communication in the team is the most significant thing and you should listen to your teammates and should make active participation in the team.
- Listen to your team and complete tasks as soon as possible.
- Choose a concept/idea that you are passionate about for your project
- Make sure to communicate well with your team and stay ahead of your work.
- Don't slack off at the start just because it starts easy. The more you do early, the more you will know what you're doing later.
- Stay well organised and keep asking questions if anything doesn't make sense. Also staying in touch with the team and fulfilling your part of the team to the best of your ability.
- Get organised in the first days and pay attention and note during the client panel.
- Stick together there's no I in team. Work together and keep regular meetings to update each other on how tasks are going and if any member is stuck help each other out.
- Help each other out in the team and continue to keep updated with the team to check if everyone is doing alright with the tasks they were given.
- Make sure you stay in contact with your team and actually help with the work.
- Stay consistent if you face a problem ask for help cause it's a TEAM.
- Find a way to bond with your team mates outside of just focussing on the course work – finding similar interests between peers can help make the class feel enjoyable, while keeping on task of course.
- Pay a lot of attention in tutorials because they very closely related to the activities you will be doing.
- Pay attention during the tutorials and complete all the tasks, making sure your teammates understand them too.
- The course may seem like it sucks at the start but if you get the work done you learn a lot of important skills that you will probably have to use in the future. Pay attention and get your work done.
- Start Early, plan ahead, work regularly.
- Hand up the tasks on time so you don't stress about them later
- I advise other DTS students to take a deep look into the role that you have been given and try your best to fully understand what it involves before your task begins. Even though you have been given set activities to complete your skillset will probably be needed for other parts of the

task which you are not even involved in. Also to take other team mates lives and activities into consideration early so that times and dates for things such as meeting can be properly implemented.

- Make the team environment as welcoming as possible, as soon as possible.
- Do your work immediately, speak up, be friendly, and involve everyone in your team.
- Be a good teammate by attending classes and meetings, share your ideas and help others if they need help
- Don't leave anything to the last minute
- Plan and organize the tasks early
- Be prepared to deal with students who don't participate as much. Deal with them as early as possible.
- Be prepared to deal with assigned work and really dive into thinking.
- A must advice for future DTS students is that never miss any stand-up meetings and tutorials and even just stay updated with the teammates as well as the teaching staff.
- A piece of advice I would give to future DTS students is that of getting everything done asap, while taking a small break may be appealing, getting everything done asap alleviates stress and lessens your workload once DTS gets a bit more hectic
- Keep a calendar, and keep it up to date. When you have work to do, weeks can fly by.
- You don't have a lot of time so make sure that you read and discuss what needs to be done and work on it as soon as you can, also remember how important your team is and keep strong communication with them.
- Try not to take anything too seriously – it blocks creativity and means you'll develop less strong bonds with your group members. A little bit of silliness makes the project more fun!
- Be punctual and help each other.
- Stick to your deadlines
- To understand the importance of effective communication when learning, whether it is listening to others or asking when you do not understand.
- Keep your ear to the ground, but don't stress too much if everything seems high key nonsensical
- Be punctual and help each other, respect each community and learn to work as a team.
- My advice to future students of DTS is to always try to involve yourself in the discussions and tutorials and try to your best to form relationships with your team as getting to know them will help you express your ideas more freely and will help you come to conclusions quicker. As well as this always try your best to turn up to group meetings. Most importantly don't let your team down!
- Know what you need to do and try to stick to a schedule, ask question when you don't understand something, you don't need to come up with an idea until your group is approaching the end of the ideate phase
- Get started as soon as possible.
- When starting, don't wait for information to be presented, research design thinking techniques and note them down to make the process easier.
- Make sure to be open and communicate with your team from day one, it'll make things easier and that's what they're there for.
- Make sure your team is working well together and everyone is comfortable speaking with each other.
- Do your assigned tasks as soon as possible.

- Set up good communication with your team early on, it's helpful to be able to message each other to work out meeting times and send each other information. I'd recommend using discord, it's a really good software that allows you to have voice calls, send attachments and message.
- Get ahead early, read up on design thinking as a whole and talk with your team as much as possible.
- Just try and stay on top of the work given and communicate with your team, if you doubt something, I'm certain someone in your team will be able to clarify it for you.
- Be sure to get things done early and timely
- Be organised and don't leave things to the last minute; if you get things done in an appropriate timeframe, it will not only take weight off your shoulders but also your teammates.
- Try to make a deadline for tasks to be completed so that your group has time to check each other's work
- Communication and work in team, always ask question. Take initiative to start things don't held up.
- Communicate more with your teammates.
- If you don't understand ask questions don't just do nothing till it's too late.
- As long as you do your work and attend tutorials, you will be fine.
- If you guys work as a team, the workload will decrease enormously.
- One piece of advice I would give to the future DTS students is to meaningfully connect with your team members and try to build a relationship with them because they're not only 'work mates'... they're people too, just like you.
- And ask for a rap battle with the other teams 😊
- The course may seem hard and confusing at first but as you go through the tutorials, it will all make sense. It's like putting pieces of puzzle together.