



UNSW Course Outline

DDES9013 Designing in Context - 2024

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General Course Information

Course Code : DDES9013

Year : 2024

Term : Term 1

Teaching Period : T1

Is a multi-term course? : No

Faculty : Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture

Academic Unit : School of Art & Design

Delivery Mode : In Person

Delivery Format : Standard

Delivery Location : Paddington

Campus : Paddington

Study Level : Postgraduate

Units of Credit : 6

Useful Links

[Handbook Class Timetable](#)

Course Details & Outcomes

Course Description

This course investigates and critically analyses a range of design contexts, particularly cultural, social, behavioural, ethical, environmental, and sustainability issues within local and global frameworks. You will analyse existing design responses using tools such as the UN Sustainable

Development Goals (SDG) to identify and evaluate diverse stakeholder perspectives, to determine the validity of the design responses and associated processes. Building on this research, you will synthesise and apply your knowledge to a prescribed design challenge, and develop, articulate, and justify your design response. Throughout the course you will reflect upon your own practice and identify, test, and demonstrate your emerging values as a holistic and responsible global design practitioner.

Course Aims

This course aims to:

provide students with a critical understanding of the application of theoretical and sociological issues in the practice of design.

develop a capacity to discern current issues affecting design practice and to apply these understandings to a sophisticated and comprehensive design project.

Course Learning Outcomes

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CLO1 : Critically analyse and synthesise a range of design considerations in various contexts.
CLO2 : Demonstrate a range of diverse and appropriate outcomes that respond to a clearly defined and justified design problem.
CLO3 : Develop and articulate a considered identity as a responsible global design practitioner through their design decisions, perspectives and outcomes.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment Item
CLO1 : Critically analyse and synthesise a range of design considerations in various contexts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Precedent Studies• Studio Project
CLO2 : Demonstrate a range of diverse and appropriate outcomes that respond to a clearly defined and justified design problem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studio Project
CLO3 : Develop and articulate a considered identity as a responsible global design practitioner through their design decisions, perspectives and outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Precedent Studies• Studio Project

Learning and Teaching Technologies

Moodle - Learning Management System

Additional Course Information

An integral part of this course is engagement in class activities. You must actively participate in classes and complete all set work to a satisfactory standard as discussed in class.

Students are expected to undertake all research for their projects outside studio hours, seeking guidance from the lecturing staff in class time, and dedicate a minimum of nine hours per week outside of scheduled class activities, for reading, skill development and design development (research, analysis, sketching, prototyping).

Assessments

Assessment Structure

Assessment Item	Weight	Relevant Dates
Precedent Studies Assessment Format: Group	40%	Start Date: Not Applicable Due Date: Week 5: 11 March - 17 March
Studio Project Assessment Format: Individual	60%	Start Date: Not Applicable Due Date: Week 11: 22 April - 28 April

Assessment Details

Precedent Studies

Assessment Overview

This assessment requires you to work in groups to research and critically analyse a range of precedents which address contemporary design problems and stakeholder groups. Correctly referenced visual and written analysis is required. Feedback will be provided on a regular basis in tutorial/studio through discussion with peers and tutors. Summative assessment and feedback will be provided digitally based on the rubric.

Course Learning Outcomes

- CL01 : Critically analyse and synthesise a range of design considerations in various contexts.
- CL03 : Develop and articulate a considered identity as a responsible global design practitioner through their design decisions, perspectives and outcomes.

Assignment submission Turnitin type

This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Studio Project

Assessment Overview

This assessment builds on knowledge gained in Assessment 1 and requires you to produce a range of design solutions for a prescribed challenge and cultural context. Your final project will demonstrate a holistic design approach that addresses the needs of all stakeholders and clearly reflects your own emerging values as a responsible design practitioner. Feedback will be provided on a regular basis in tutorial/studio through discussion with peers and tutors. Summative assessment and feedback will be provided digitally based on the rubric.

Course Learning Outcomes

- CL01 : Critically analyse and synthesise a range of design considerations in various contexts.
- CL02 : Demonstrate a range of diverse and appropriate outcomes that respond to a clearly defined and justified design problem.
- CL03 : Develop and articulate a considered identity as a responsible global design practitioner through their design decisions, perspectives and outcomes.

Assignment submission Turnitin type

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General Assessment Information

Grading Basis

Standard

Course Schedule

Teaching Week/Module	Activity Type	Content
Week 1 : 12 February - 18 February	Tutorial	Course overview and introduction to Assessment 1: design challenges, briefing, group allocation
Week 2 : 19 February - 25 February	Tutorial	Researching societies and culture
Week 3 : 26 February - 3 March	Tutorial	Cultural authenticity and sensitivity and design case study presentations
Week 4 : 4 March - 10 March	Tutorial	Presenting your work
Week 5 : 11 March - 17 March	Assessment	Presentations and introduction to Assessment 2
Week 6 : 18 March - 24 March	Homework	Flexibility week
Week 7 : 25 March - 31 March	Tutorial	Semiotics and design: communicating ideas
Week 8 : 1 April - 7 April	Tutorial	Communicating with stakeholders: design for diverse worlds
Week 9 : 8 April - 14 April	Tutorial	Preparing for submission: reflection and preparing projects
Week 10 : 15 April - 21 April	Assessment	In-class presentations
Week 11 : 22 April - 28 April	Assessment	Assessment 2 submission

Attendance Requirements

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Students are expected to attend all classes for each course in which they are enrolled. Failure to attend and participate in at least 80% of learning activities such as discussions, peer feedback, studio sessions, online activities, group work, etc., may result in you being flagged as at risk of failing the course. By punctually attending and actively participating in your classes you not only increase your own opportunities for developing your skills and knowledge, but will also help build a rigorous and engaged creative community with other students. If you are unable to attend classes, please inform your relevant Course Convenor. If the absence is for medical reasons, you will be required to present a medical certificate. If absences impact your ability to undertake assessment, then you should apply for [Special Consideration](#).

General Schedule Information

A submission component of Assessment 2 is due in Week 11.

Course Resources

Prescribed Resources

You will need to have access to a computer and Adobe Creative Cloud (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop and Acrobat).

Materials list:

- A range of art supplies for design sketching.
- A range of model making resources and equipment, relevant to your discipline/s, for creating prototypes, sketchbook and note taking equipment.
- Software such as Powerpoint for presentations.

Recommended reading:

Escobar, A. (2018). *Designs for the pluriverse: Radical interdependence, autonomy, and the making of worlds*. Duke University Press.

Buchanan, R. (1992). Wicked problems in design thinking. *Design issues*, 8(2), 5-21.

Elleuch, W. The semiotics of eco-design: Overview, Benefits, and Inclusion in Designer Education.

Lehtonen, M. J., Yeow, P., & Chew, J. (2022). Empowering change for future-making: Developing agency by framing wicked problems through design. *Futures*, 139, 102952.

Ansari, A. (2020). Design's Missing Others and Their Incommensurate Worlds. *Design in Crisis New Worlds, Philosophies and Practices*.

Gatt, C., & Ingold, T. (2020). From description to correspondence: Anthropology in real time. In *Design anthropology* (pp. 139-158). Routledge.

Wood, J. (Ed.). (2022). *Metadesigning Designing in the Anthropocene*. Taylor & Francis.

Manzini, E. (2015). *Design, when everybody designs: An introduction to design for social innovation*. MIT press.

Cross, N., (2006). *Designers ways of knowing*. Springer London.

Hall, E. T., & Hall, M. R., (1990). *Understanding Cultural Differences: Germans, French and Americans*. Yarmouth ME: Intercultural Press.

Hofstede, G. H., (2001). *Culture's consequences: Comparing values, behaviors, institutions and organizations across nations*. Sage.

Sparke, P. (1987). *Design in context*.

Recommended Resources

Useful websites:

<http://www.designcouncil.org.uk>

<https://www.decolonisingdesign.com/>

<https://designjustice.org/>

<http://www.nextd.org/>

<http://www.ideo.com/>

<http://www.designboom.com/>

<http://interactions.acm.org/>

Staff Details

Position	Name	Email	Location	Phone	Availability	Equitable Learning Services Contact	Primary Contact
Convenor	Scott Brown		Paddington campus		By appointment	Yes	Yes

Other Useful Information

Academic Information

Due to evolving advice by NSW Health, students must check for updated information regarding online learning for all Arts, Design and Architecture courses this term (via Moodle or course information provided).

Please see: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/arts-design-architecture/student-life/resources-support/protocols-guidelines> for essential student information relating to:

- UNSW and Faculty policies and procedures;
- Student Support Services;
- Dean's List;
- review of results;

- credit transfer;
- cross-institutional study and exchange;
- examination information;
- enrolment information;
- Special Consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- student equity and disability;

And other essential academic information.

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

- **Copying:** Using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This includes copying materials, ideas or concepts from a book, article, report or other written document, presentation, composition, artwork, design, drawing, circuitry, computer program or software, website, internet, other electronic resource, or another person's assignment without appropriate acknowledgement.
- **Inappropriate paraphrasing:** Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original information, structure and/or progression of ideas of the original without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.
- **Collusion:** Working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student for the purpose of them plagiarising, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.
- **Inappropriate citation:** Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.
- **Duplication ("self-plagiarism"):** Submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

The UNSW Academic Skills support offers resources and individual consultations. Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study. One of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items. UNSW Library has the ELISE tool available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to

introduce new students to studying at UNSW, but it can also be a great refresher during your study.

Completing the ELISE tutorial and quiz will enable you to:

- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
- use and manage information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- better manage your time
- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Use of AI for assessments

As AI applications continue to develop, and technology rapidly progresses around us, we remain committed to our values around academic integrity at UNSW. Where the use of AI tools, such as ChatGPT, has been permitted by your course convener, they must be properly credited and your submissions must be substantially your own work.

In cases where the use of AI has been prohibited, please respect this and be aware that where unauthorised use is detected, penalties will apply.

[Use of AI for assessments | UNSW Current Students](#)

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au

Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin, you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support, you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone,

you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

Generally, assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via either Turnitin or a Moodle assignment. In instances where this is not possible, alternative submission details will be stated on your course's Moodle site. For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle>

Late Submission Penalty

UNSW has a standard late submission penalty of:

- 5% per calendar day,
- for all assessments where a penalty applies,
- capped at five calendar days (120 hours) from the assessment deadline, after which a student cannot submit an assessment, and
- no permitted variation.

Students are expected to manage their time to meet deadlines and to request [Special Consideration](#) as early as possible before the deadline. Support with [Time Management is available here](#).

School-specific Information

Risk of Failure Warnings

If you are at risk of failing the course, because of lack of attendance, low marks in assignments, failing to submit assignments, or lack of participation or engagement, you may be notified by email. Please ensure you read your university email, and respond to any official risk of failure warning promptly. NOTE – if the warning email is sent to your UNSW e-Mail address, it is considered as being read by you whether you check your UNSW email or not.

Late Submission Penalties

If you believe that circumstances will prevent you from submitting an assessment on time, please notify your course convenor as soon as possible. There will be penalties applied for being late and a clear 'no later than' date beyond which submission won't be accepted. Where a Special Consideration is not applied for, and a student assessment is late, the following guidelines apply:

1. Up to 5 days after due date, a penalty of 5% (of maximum mark for assignment) will be applied

for each day late (e.g. an assignment that is 3 days late would have its mark reduced by 15%). Please note - for the purpose of deduction calculation, a 'day' is each 24-hour period (or part thereof) past the stipulated deadline for submission within the calendar year (including weekends and public holidays). Task with a percentage mark - If the task is marked out of 100%, late submission will attract a deduction of 5% from the mark awarded to the student for every 24-hour period (or part thereof) past the stipulated deadline.

Example: A student submits an essay 48 hours and 10 minutes after the stipulated deadline. The essay is marked out of 100%. A 3 day late penalty will be applied ($3 \times 5\% = 15\%$). The essay receives a mark of 68%. The student's mark will therefore be reduced to 53% ($68\% - 15\%$).

2. Beyond 5 days late, no submission will be accepted.

Special Consideration

Please note that the University's Special Consideration process allows students to apply for an extension within 3 days of the assessment due date. This provides for more extensive extensions, subject to documentation, and Course Convenor approval. You can apply for special consideration online through my.UNSW.edu.au. More information about special consideration can be found here: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration>

NOTE: If you are experiencing issues related to your access to class material or difficulty with technology, make sure you notify your lecturer as soon as possible, well before any assessment due date. Last minute requests for extensions due to computer failure, file corruption, printing problems etc. do not qualify students for special consideration or extensions. Students are expected to maintain regular backups of their work at all times.

Educational adjustments

Educational adjustments can be applied to assessments if you are living with a disability, a long term medical condition, a mental health condition, and/or are a carer of individuals with a disability. The Equitable Learning Service (ELS) determines adjustments based on medical documentation and communicates these via an Equitable Learning Plan (ELP). To receive educational adjustments for equitable learning support, you must first register with Equitable Learning Services (ELS). More information about Equitable Learning Services can be found here <https://student.unsw.edu.au/els>

Supplementary Assessment

Supplementary assessments are available to students in this course who have failed an assessment but have subsequently had an application for Special Consideration approved by the university. The supplementary assessment may take a different form than the original assessment and will be defined by the course convenor - but it will address the same learning outcomes as the original assessment. If Special Consideration has not been awarded, the maximum mark that may be awarded for a supplementary assessment is 50% of the full assessment mark.

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Referencing Requirements for Assessments

Your course convenor will inform you what referencing system this course follows. Useful guidelines on how to reference according to various systems can be found at: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/referencing>.

You may follow these guidelines in your assessment tasks, or seek additional advice from your lecturer. Styles for Endnote are downloadable from the Endnote website. Accurate and correct referencing is an important academic prerequisite at University level, and if your work does not meet these requirements, it may be marked down, or in more serious cases, it may be treated as an instance of plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

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Convenor prior to using generative AI tools.

<https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/assessment/ai>

Health and Safety

Ensuring student and staff health and safety is very important at UNSW Art & Design. Health and safety is everyone's responsibility. As a student, you have a responsibility not to do anything that risks your own health and safety, or the health or safety of your fellow students, staff members or visitors. This means, for example, exiting the building during a fire drill; wearing personal protective equipment and clothing (PPEC) when staff or signage instructs you to do so; undertaking induction to using equipment or carrying out processes that require specific knowledge; and reporting hazards or incidents to your lecturer or supervisor as soon as you become aware of them. For more information, please see <https://safety.unsw.edu.au/>.

Additional Support and Resources

At UNSW you can also find support and resources if you need help with your personal life, getting your academic success on track or just want to know how to stay safe. See <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/wellbeing>.

Additional support for students is available by contacting the following centres:

- Student Support and Development <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/support>
- Student Support Advisors: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/advisors>
- Mental Health Support: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/mental-health-support>
- Academic Skills and Support <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/skills>
- UNSW IT Service Centre <https://www.myit.unsw.edu.au/>
- Student Gateway: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/>
- Equitable Learning Services: <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/equitable-learning>
- Faculty Resources and Support: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/arts-design-architecture/student-life/resources-support>
- Arc: <https://www.arc.unsw.edu.au/>

After Hours Access to the Paddington Campus

The core operating hours for the Paddington Campus are below. All students have access to the campus during these hours:

- Monday to Friday 0800 – 2100
- Saturday 0900 – 1700

Some students are permitted to have “After Hours Access” (AHA) to the campus upon completion of a series of inductions. The inductions are dependent on location, as well as the types of activities undertaken in those locations. The first of these is this Primary Induction, and this must be completed online <https://my.artdesign.unsw.edu.au>. All students requiring AHA are required to complete this induction. The Primary Induction gives access to the following Low Risk areas:

Post Graduate Students

- PG Research students – Level 4 F Block, Computer Labs and Learning Commons
- Master of Design students – Level 3 D Block, Computer Labs and Learning Commons
- Master of Curating and Cultural Leadership students – D207, Computer Labs and Learning Commons

Honours Students

- Fine Arts – Level 3 F Block, Computer Labs and Learning Commons
- Design – Level 1 E Block, Computer Labs and Learning Commons
- Media Arts – Level 3 F Block, Computer Labs and Learning Commons

Subsequent inductions are workshop and lab specific, and are conducted face-to-face by the UNSW Art & Design Technical staff. Students and staff must first successfully complete the Primary Induction before requesting a Workshop/Lab specific Induction.

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