**DESIGN STUDIES MINOR**

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**Description**

Situated within the studio arts program, the interdisciplinary minor in design studies brings together the formal and conceptual principles of design in the visual expressions of the fine arts (painting, sculpture, photography, etc.), the commercial arts (graphic design, illustration, etc.), the industrial arts (engineering) and the performing arts (stage, costume and lighting design).

Course options in communication, marketing, English and art history offer the opportunity to contextualize the principles and products of design in a broader historical, sociological and cultural context.

Course requirements and options within the design studies minor enable students to develop a common skill set of literacy and fluency in a range of design software programs (Photoshop, InDesign, Light Box, Fuse, etc.), the utility of which has become increasingly more essential to a range of fields of study and vocations.

**Requirements**

Five courses (20 credits) are required.

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Students must receive a **minimum grade of C** in all required courses.

A maximum of two courses (8 credits) may be transferred from another accredited institution, provided UNH has accepted them as transfer credits. Transfer courses must be a minimum of 3 credits. Students with 3 credit transfers must make up the credit shortage.

Only two courses from the student’s area/department of concentration may be used to meet requirements towards a minor in design studies.