

ISE 4320/IHE 6320 – Human-System Interaction and Design Thinking Principles

Course Description

Focus on understanding the iterative user-centered design and development approach for user interface design and user experience assessment. This course is designed as an active learning versus passive learning experience. Students are responsible for exploring and gathering relevant information and then constructing personally meaningful projects that add to individual knowledge and experience.

Offered both face-to-face and online
Undergraduate/Graduate level – 3 credit hours

Graduate Students are required to complete an extra assignment/presentation. Therefore for graduate grade will be out for a total of 120 points that would be scaled to 100 points versus the undergraduate of 100 total points.

Graduate Student Individual Project: All graduate students are required to perform a literature review related to a topic within human-computer interaction or interface design and to present the information in an oral presentation. You do not have to write a paper. But you must use references that will be reflected in your presentation. If you are a distance student you may use voice over on the PowerPoint slides, or if you live locally you are invited to give the talk in person if possible. Your presentation is due 24 hours before your scheduled date so they can be loaded onto the website.

Course Learning Objectives

Students enrolled in this course will learn to:

- Conduct Usability testing
- Provide recommendations for improving the user experience
- Design wireframes for human system interactions
- Assess usability requirements across the product life cycle

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students can:

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Tentative Weekly Schedule

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| Week 1 | Introduction |
| | Usability Engineering Lifecycle |
| | User Profiles & Personas |
| Week 2 | Use Case & Requirement Analysis |
| | Axure Introduction |

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| Week 3 | Axure Lab Session |
| | Task Analysis |
| Week 4 | Card Sort |
| | Usability Goals & Design Guidelines |
| Week 5 | Mid-term 1 Review |
| | Platform Capabilities |
| Week 6 | Mid-term 1 |
| | Conceptual Design |
| Week 7 | Paper Prototyping |
| | Balsamiq Introduction |
| Week 8 | Balsamiq Lab Session |
| | IRB Overview |
| Week 9 | Data Gathering Methods – Ethnographic Research Methods |
| | Data Gathering Methods – Ethnographic Research Methods Activity |
| Week 10 | Project Work Day |
| Week 11 | Mid Term 2 |
| | Style Guides |
| Week 12 | Testing Methods – Setup Analysis |
| | Guest Lecture (TBD) |
| Week 13 | Work on Project Presentation |
| | Project Presentations |
| Week 14 | Project Presentations |
| Week 15 | Finals Week |