



Twin Cities Campus

Public Interest Design Minor

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College of Design

- Program Type: Undergraduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Required credits in this minor: 18
- No

This minor explores the emerging field of public interest design. Public interest design refers to human-centered and participatory design practices that address ecological, economic, cultural, and social issues in design and design-related fields. This minor provides an integrated education in design where students enhance their learning by making connections between traditional design courses and important social, economic, and environmental issues.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Minor Requirements

A maximum of two courses taken for a major may be used toward the public interest design minor. Up to a maximum of two study abroad or transfer courses may be used toward the minor and must be approved by the minor advisor.

Foundation Courses

ARCH 3756 - Public Interest Design: Principles and Practices (3.0 cr)

Core selectives

Students taking more than two of these courses can use the additional credits towards their elective requirement.

Take exactly 2 course(s) from the following:

Take 2 or more course(s) from the following:

- **LA 1601** - Design and Equity [DSJ, AH] (3.0 cr)
- **LA 3601** - Design and Equity [DSJ, AH] (3.0 cr)
- **DES 3331** - Street Life Urban Design Seminar (3.0 cr)
- HSG 3462 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- **DES 3131** - User Experience in Design (4.0 cr)

Electives

Take 0 or more course(s) totaling 9 or more credit(s) from the following:

Deepen Understanding of Design Practice

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- **ARCH 3711W** - Environmental Design and the Sociocultural Context [SOCS, CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
- **DES 3131** - User Experience in Design (4.0 cr)
- **DES 3331** - Street Life Urban Design Seminar (3.0 cr)
- HSG 3462 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- HSG 4461 *{Inactive}* (4.0 cr)
- HSG 4465 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- HSG 4467W *{Inactive}* [WI] (4.0 cr)
- **LA 1601** - Design and Equity [DSJ, AH] (3.0 cr)
- **LA 3003** - Climate Change Adaptation (3.0 cr)
- **LA 3601** - Design and Equity [DSJ, AH] (3.0 cr)
- **RM 1201** - Fashion, Ethics, and Consumption [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- **ARCH 4561** - Architecture and Ecology [ENV] (3.0 cr)

Broaden Understanding of Public Interest Design's Contexts

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- **ESPM 3011W** - Ethics in Natural Resources [CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
- **GEOG 3371W** - Cities, Citizens, and Communities [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- PUBH 3004 *{Inactive}* (4.0 cr)
- **SW 2501W** - Introduction to Social Justice [DSJ, WI] (4.0 cr)
- **URBS 1001W** - Introduction to Urban Studies: The Complexity of Metropolitan Life [WI] (3.0 cr)
- **URBS 3751** - Understanding the Urban Environment [ENV] (3.0 cr)
- **URBS 3871** - A Suburban World (3.0 cr)

Develop Knowledge and Skills for PID Practice and Leadership



Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- [PA 1401](#) - Public Affairs: Community Organizing Skills for Public Action [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- [CHIC 4275](#) - Theory in Action: Community Engagement in a Social Justice Framework [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- [FNRM 3101](#) - Park and Protected Area Tourism (3.0 cr)
- [HORT 3131](#) - Student Organic Farm Planning, Growing, and Marketing (3.0 cr)
- [PA 4101](#) - Nonprofit Management and Governance (3.0 cr)
- [ABUS 4571W](#) - Introduction to Grant Writing for Health Care and Nonprofit Organizations [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [LEAD 1961W](#) - Personal Leadership in the University [CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)