

Course Syllabus

Visual Design for User Experience

SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

Modules	Topics and Lesson Objectives	Activities	Assessment Due
1	Digital Colour Theory	Review course outline and	
	 Digital Colour Theory Overview the origin of colour and its relation to light and sight Play roles visible light in perception of colours Explain how sight, eye perceives and interprets colour Introduce what colour is, the simple colour models, and colour characteristics Show the relationship between tints, shakes, tones, and colour triangle Working with Digital Colour Distinguish digital colour models: RGB (Red, Green, Blue), and CMYK (Cyan Magenta Yellow Black) Explore the digital palette and colour matching systems Use colour management systems (CMS) support digital design Discover how colour appears on screens Apply and edit colour in the graphic design Colour Output Apply methods and tools for viewing digital output and their impact on colour Demonstrate commercial printing: digital colour separation, printer's marks, offset 		Assessment Due
	printing, trapping, dot gain, under colour removal, high fidelity colour, and ink and paper The role of colour in UX		
	 Discuss the roles of colour in UX 		
2	 Orchestration and Flow Demonstrate how to orchestration, flow, and transparency in UX design Explore the concept of "less is more" and how UX designers strive to increase functionality with the least effort 	 Read Chapters 11 & 17 – About Face: The Essentials of Interaction Design Read assigned resources from Instructor Complete in class activities 	Coursework #1 – 10% Midterm project – 20% Instructor determines specific date and time.
	 Integrate motion and animated transitions in UX design to support user flow 	 Complete Coursework #1 Complete midterm project 	



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	Integrating Visual Design		
	Communicate and achieve users' goals		
	through visual design		
	 Differentiate between visual art and visual 		
	design		
	 Apply principles and elements of visual 		
	interface design in UX design		
	• Design consistency and standards in visual		
	design		
	• Distinguish benefits and risks associated with		
	interface standards		
3	Designing Multi-Device Experiences (Screen	• Read Chapters 1 – 3	
	design)	Designing Multi-Device	
	 Introduce the three key design approaches 	Experiences, An Ecosystem	
	for addressing multidevice design:	Approach to User	
	Consistent, Continuous, and Complementary	Experience Across Devices	
	 Compare mobile device design pre- and post- 		
	iPhone launch	Read assigned resources from Instructor	
	• Explore how app stores and tablets impacted	Complete in class activities	
	multi-device development and design		
	• Explore products such as Google Search,		
	Trulia, and products and discuss how visual		
	changes and functional adjustments		
	accommodate different devices' screen size,		
	form factor, and interaction model		
	Apply the continuous approach in UX design		
4	Designing Multi-Device Experiences	 Read Chapters 3 ~ 5 	Coursework 2 – 10%
	 Explore products such as Apple AirPlay, 	Designing Multi-Device	Complete Final Project
	Amazon Kindle, and products to show how	Experiences, An Ecosystem	- 30%
	multiple devices support continuation of	Approach to User	Complete Final Exam –
	both single activity and a sequence of	Experience Across Devices	25%
	activities to achieve user goals	Read assigned resources	
	Apply complementary approach where	from Instructor	Instructor determines
	multiple devices interact as an ensemble in	Complete in class activities	specific date and time.
	UX design	 Complete Coursework 2 	
	 Explore relationships between devices 	Complete Final Project	
	through products such as collaborative		
	games, media, and entertainment	Complete Final Exam	
	Compare the main characteristics of the three law design engages has for multiple		
	three key design approaches for multiple		
	devices		
	Integrate different design approaches across		
	devices		



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•	Demonstrate the benefits of ecosystem	
	design	