Undergraduate Minor in Critical Studies in Design

The undergraduate minor in Critical Studies in Design offers students opportunities to engage in the history, theory, and criticism of visual and material culture and the built environment. In lectures and focused seminars, students explore historical and contemporary issues including cultural production, media and technology, design in everyday life, and models of professional practice.

The minor is open to all undergraduate students at Iowa State University.

15 Credits of coursework is required for this minor

3 Art History (ART H) 292: Introduction to Visual Culture Studies

3 Design Studies (DSN S) 183 or choose from: ARCH 221, 222/ ART H 181, 280, 281/ CRP 253, 270, 291, 293

9 Additional 9 credits selected from:

Architecture (ARCH) 221, 222, 321, 420, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 429, 519, 528A, 529, 567, 571, 575

Any Art History (ART H) class

Graphic Design (ARTGR) 387, 388

Interior Design (ARTID) 355, 356

Community and Regional Planning (CRP) 253, 270, 291, 293, 320, 383, 563

Landscape Architecture (LA) 270, 371, 373, 478D, 501

At Least 6 of the fifteen credits must be taken at Iowa State University in courses numbered 300 or above.

At Least 9 of the fifteen credits must not be used to meet other college or university requirements except the credit required for graduation.

Students seeking a minor must:

1 Discuss their interest in the minor with their academic advisor.

2 Choose courses from the select courses listing.

3 Fill out a university “Request for Minor” form, which must be signed by the student, the student’s advisor, one of the Critical Studies in Design program coordinators, and the dean of the student’s college of major. It is recommended that this form be completed at least one semester prior to graduation.