

Course name	Philosophy and Theory of Design
Entity running the course	Faculty of Interior Architecture and Design
Entity for which the course has been prepared	Departmet of Design
Course type	Core / obligatory
Year of study / semester, type of studies	Year I, sem. I and II, full-time master's degree
ECTS credits	1 point ECTS per semester
Academic tutor	ass. prof. Stanisław Lose, PhD
Aim of the course	Introducing students to independent thinking of design, especially in the area of expressing knowledge necessary for making design decisions and presenting one's own projects.
Prerequisites	Having completed the course of art & aesthetics history.
Learning outcomes:	
- knowledge	Student gains basic knowledge about designer's role in the society – their place in modern work market and psycho-physiological and cultural basis of creative processes.
- skills	Ability to methodically use knowledge in a designer's practice; ability to verify stages of a design process; ability to independently judge the phenomenons which occur in the area of design.

- personal and social competence

Theoretical preparation for working with design teams from different specialties; ability to define design subjects, their judgement, to determine social needs in the area of design.

Course content

Plato's tripartite theory. From Plato's idea of philosopher's rule to modern designer's domination. The role of knowledge in design. Structural thinking and linear creation. Art and design. What are designers needed for. Human needs according to A.Maslow and T.Kocowski. The supreme need of vulnerability. Vulnerability and order. Construction of an urban society. Social system. Work division. Author's and addressed work. Multi phases of social structures. Dialectics of creativity. Places of vulnerability. The context of a workplace as a place which is safe and vulnerable. Vision – psycho-physiological aspects of design; central and peripheral vision. Human energy – placements of energetic potential. Inventive methods – dialectics of an inventive process. The role of diffusion in the development of design. Universal design by Ronald Mace.

Course form and number of course hours

First semester – lectures, second semester – lectures and discussions (individual presentations).

Assessment methods and criteria

Assessment based on a written work and individual presentation.

Assessment type

Graded pass

Literature

Recommended: R. Banham: Rewolucja w architekturze WAi F 1979; A. Pawłowski: Inicjacje 2007; J. Krupiński: Zwiednie. Ontologiczne podstawy projektowania, 1993; J. Krupiński: Wzornictwo/Design; M. Rosińska: Przemyśleć u/życie. Projektanci. Przedmioty. Życie społeczne, 2010; M. Krajewski (red.): Hand - made. 2009. J. Kowalewski (red.) Rzeczy i ludzie,. Humanistykla wobec materialności, 2008.

Teaching aids

Language of instruction

Polish