User Experience Design (IS 247-002)  

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Prerequisites: None  
Credit: Three  

Required Textbooks  

Course Description  
This course covers the fundamental concepts of interaction design and focuses on methods of doing scenario-based design.  
It teaches students how they can apply these concepts by asking them to design prototypes and evaluate their designs. Learning by doing and teams work are two main components of this course.  

Concepts and Methods to be Covered
Interaction Design, Scenario-based Design, Claims Analysis, Personas, Problem/Activity/Key-path Scenarios, Wireframing (Axure)

**Evaluation**

Weekly attendance and presentation grades  ~40%
Final report: Team grade  ~40%
Final report: Individual grade  ~20%

**Attendance Policy**

If you miss 3 class sessions, you will automatically be deducted a letter grade. If you miss 5 class sessions, you will automatically fail the course.

**Required Software/Hardware**

Axure (http://www.axure.com/)

**Web Resources**

Moodle (http://moodle.njit.edu)

**Getting Technical Help**

The IST Helpdesk is the central hub for all information related to computing technologies at NJIT. This includes being the first point of contact for those with computing questions or problems.

There are three ways to contact the Helpdesk:
1. Call 973-596-2900. Monday - Friday 8 am - 7 pm.
2. Go to Student Mall Room 48. Monday - Friday 8 am - 7 pm

**Course Outline** (Subject to Change)

**Week 1:** Introduction to UX Design

**Week 2:** Design thinking

*Readings:* Interaction Design Ch. 1 / About Face Ch. 1 / Wicked Problems

*Homework Due:* Individual - install Axure and set up AFS directory

**Week 3:** Stakeholders and personas (Round 1)
Readings: About Face Ch. 5

Homework Due: Group presentation - stakeholder list, target demographics, and 1 persona per group member

Week 4: Stakeholders and personas (Round 2)

Readings: How do professionals use personas? (CHI’12) / (Sentence highlighting not required:) Foundation of Great UX / Closer look at personas / Measuring UX-personas / Usability.gov-personas

Homework Due: Group presentation - stakeholder list and personas, Group work - interactive Axure prototype

Week 5: Problem scenarios and storyboards (Round 1)

Readings: About Face Ch. 6 / Help a knight, Scenario-based Design (Rosson & Carroll) / About Face Ch. 3 and 4

Homework Due: Group presentation - one Problem scenario and storyboard, Individual work - mockup of Fitbit pages

Week 6: Problem scenarios (Round 2) and Claims Analysis of Problem Scenarios

Readings: Interaction Design Ch. 10 / Up on the wall

Homework Due: Group presentation - Problem scenarios for all personas

Week 7: Audit of Technology Solutions and Claims Analysis (Round 1)

Readings: About Face Ch. 2 / Claims Analysis examples

Homework Due: Group presentation: claims analysis of three reputation systems

Week 8: No Class Spring Break

Week 9: Activity scenarios and storyboards (Round 1)

Readings: Interaction Design Ch. 9

Homework Due: Group presentation - one Activity scenario and storyboard

Week 10: Activity scenarios (Round 2)

Readings: About Face Ch. 7
Homework Due: Group presentation - Activity scenarios for all personas

**Week 11:** Activity Scenario (Round 3) and Audit of Technology Solutions and Claims Analysis (Round 2)

Homework Due: Group presentation - Activity scenarios for all personas, Revised Audit, and Claims Analysis for Activity Scenarios, Individual work - interactive mockup of Fitbit pages

**Week 12:** Key-path Scenario (Round 1)

**Readings:** Interaction Design Ch. 11

**Homework Due:** Group presentation - key path scenario in Axure

**Week 13:** Key-path Scenario (Round 2)

**Readings:** About Face Ch. 8

**Homework Due:** Group presentation - key path scenario in Axure

**Week 14:** Key-path Scenario (Round 3)

**Readings:** About Face Ch. 12 and 13

**Homework Due:** Group presentation - key path scenario showing adherence to design patterns

**Week 15:** Final Report Preparation

**Homework Due:** Group presentation - key path scenario showing adherence to design patterns

**Plagiarism and Academic Integrity**

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