



ACADEMY OF DESIGN AND CRAFTS

DBA24A Design Practice, Sustainability and Ethics, 15 credits

Designpraktik, hållbarhet och etik, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by HDK - Academy of Design and Crafts on 2017-12-08 to be valid from 2018-01-15, spring semester of 2018.

Field of education: Design 100%

Department: Academy of Design and Crafts

Position in the educational system

The course is a programme course that is given during semester 4.

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) BA Programme in Design (K1DES)

Main field of studies

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Specialization

G2F, First Cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Entry requirements

Admission requires a passing grade for the course Design, Message and Publishing 15 credits (DBA22A). In addition, the student should also have undergone the course An Object's Biography, 7,5 credits (DBA23A).

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- identify sustainability issues relevant for their own work

- discuss the responsibility of the designer in relation to ethics and sustainability issues

Competence and skills

- compare different ethical positions related to their own work
- explain and motivate choices related to sustainability and ethics

Judgement and approach

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the field of design with regard to ethics and sustainability issues.

The course is sustainability-focused, which means that at least one of the learning outcomes clearly shows that the course content meets at least one of the University of Gothenburg's confirmed sustainability criteria. The content also constitutes the course's main focus.

Course content

In this course the student will put their practice in a social and ethical context with a focus on sustainability issues. The course highlights economic, social and environmental sustainability issues. Relevant ethical questions are identified, processed and compared, and the responsibility of the designer in relation to these questions is discussed. In the implementation of an individual design work based on a common theme of the course, decisions and choices regarding sustainability issues and ethics shall be motivated and explained. The course includes reading literature and other sources of information and inspiration regarding sustainability and ethics.

Form of teaching

Teaching is conducted through tutoring, individually and in groups, seminars, lectures, workshops and presentations.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Several teaching components in English occur.

Assessment

The learning outcomes will be examined through:

- documentation of individual work
- presentation of individual work

- oral presentation
- written submission

If a student, who has been failed on the same examining course component twice, wishes a change of examiner before the next examination session, a request of this kind is to be sent in writing to the department responsible for the course, and granted, unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Chapter 6, Section 22, Higher Education Ordinance).

In the case where a course has been discontinued or has undergone major changes, the student will normally be guaranteed access to at least three examination sessions (including the regular examination session) during a period of at least one year on the basis of the course's former structure.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass (G) and Fail (U).

For grade Pass (G) the student should show that the knowledge that is described in the course content and its learning outcome is achieved, as well as show that he or she has acquired the contents of course components, literature and lectures.

Course evaluation

The students will evaluate the course orally and in writing at the end of the course. The result of the evaluation will form the basis for future development of the course. A summary of the course evaluation is communicated to the students who completed the course and orally at the beginning of the course to new students.

Additional information

The student pays for materials.