BIS DEGREE PROGRAM - COLLEGE OF DESIGN

PREREQUISITES, REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

Some minor programs housed in the College of Design may be used as models for BIS non-CLA areas of concentration. **Students with concentrations in these areas may be required to take 1/2xxx-level preparatory courses, but only courses numbered 3xxx and above will be included in the BIS program. Consult the program adviser for assistance in designing your BIS concentration. BIS concentrations are not allowed in Apparel Design, Graphic Design or Interior Design.**

**Design Studies** concentrations follow the interdisciplinary minor and students must declare the design minor. Call 612/624-1717 to set up an appointment with an advisor. Students must complete DES 1101W: Introduction to Design Thinking (4 cr) before submission of the program proposal.

DES 4301: Design Minor Seminar (3 cr) must be included in the concentration as well as 2 or more courses from the following:
- ARCH 3611: Design in the Digital Age (3 cr)
- KIN 3505: Intro to Human-Centered Design (3 cr)
- JOUR 4551: New Media Culture (3 cr)
- DES 33xx/43xx

The remainder of the concentration is comprised of courses from a list of approved electives, available at: [http://onestop2.umn.edu/programCatalog/viewCatalogProgram.do?programID=577&strm=1073](http://onestop2.umn.edu/programCatalog/viewCatalogProgram.do?programID=577&strm=1073)

**Architectural Studies** concentrations follow the Architecture minor. Call 612/626-3690 to set up an appointment with the Architectural Studies advisor, Chris Schlichting.

The following courses are required for the concentration:
- ARCH 1281: Design Fundamentals I (spring term only; 4 cr)
- ARCH 1701: The Designed Environment (fall term only; 3 cr) OR
  - ARCH 3711W: Environmental Design and the Sociocultural Context (fall term only; 3 cr)
- ARCH 3411: Architectural History to 1750 (fall term only; 3 cr) OR
- ARCH 3412: Architectural History Since 1750 (spring term only; 3 cr)
- ARCH 4561: Architecture and Ecology (spring term only; 3 cr)

The remainder of the concentration is composed of 3/4xxx-level Architecture courses (Arch 3351 and Arch 3352 are not allowed).

**Retail Merchandising** concentrations require **RM 1201: Design, Merchandising, and the Consumer (3 cr)** before submission of the program proposal. In addition, **RM 2215: Multichannel Retailing (3 cr; spring; prereq 1201)** is required for the concentration.

The remainder of the concentration must consist of at least twelve credits, chosen from the following elective courses*:
- RM 3242: Retail Buying (3cr; fall; prereq 1201 & 2215)
- RM 3243: Visual Merchandising (3 cr; spring; prereq 1101 & 1201)
- RM 4117W: Retail Environments and Human Behavior (3 cr; fall; prereq 2215 & 3243)
- RM 4216: Retail Promotion and Consumer Decision Making (4cr; fall; prereq 1201 & Mktg 4040)
- RM 4217: International Developments in Textiles and Apparel (3 cr; spring; prereq 1201 & Econ 1102)
- RM 4247: Advanced Buying and Sourcing (3 cr; spring; prereq 3242)

*Pending RM approval, one non-UMN transfer course is allowed as an elective in the concentration.

**Housing Studies** concentrations require **HSG 2401: Introduction to Housing (3 cr)** and **HSG 2463: Housing and Community Development (3 cr)**. (Transfer courses may substitute for HSG 2401 or HSG 2463 only with approval of HSG advisers and/or faculty.) The remainder of the concentration must consist of at least fifteen credits, chosen from the following elective courses*:
- HSG 4461—Housing Development and Management (3 cr)
- HSG 4465—Housing in Global Perspective (3 cr)
- HSG 3482—Our Home, Our Environment (3 cr)
- HSG 5463—Housing Policy (3 cr)
- HSG 5467W—Housing and the Social Environment (4 cr)
- HSG 5469—Understanding Housing: Assessment and Analysis (3 cr)
- HSG 5481—Housing for the Elderly and Special Populations (3 cr)
- HSG 5484—Rural Housing Issues (3 cr)

*Pending HSG approval, one non-UMN transfer course is allowed as an elective in the concentration.

For more information about Retail Merchandising or Housing Studies, contact 240 McNeal Hall, St. Paul Campus, 612/624-1717.