

Xd PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. **Cognition:** *Students earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Xd will demonstrate cognitive skills that are indicative of the communication professional.*

Students will be able to

- a. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the industry ethics, practices and standards for creating experiences between user and product, consumer and brand (ex: responsive design, Google material, creative processes, etc.)
- b. Critically analyze and summarize a situation prior to attempting a solution (ex: Kipling Method, Problem Statement, Setting product goals and objectives. Presentation/analysis of personas, scenarios, and beta testing, etc.)
- c. Demonstrate the ability to address a problem with creative exploration and design thinking methodology
- d. Demonstrate a working knowledge of a creative brief and business plan and the role they play in outlining the future potential of a project or creative solution
- e. Absorb and synthesize feedback from multiple sources (peers, faculty, consumers, clients) and respond professionally to improve the work

2. **Concept (Creativity):** *Students earning a Bachelor of Xd will demonstrate the ability to develop audience driven, creative solutions that are solidly based on strategy and supported by in-depth research, analysis and documentation.*

Students will be able to

- a. Conduct and apply extensive research and analysis to successfully create memorable solutions to real-world problems (ex: brand experience, user interface, user experience, etc.)
- b. Apply strategic positioning and marketing principles to successfully address audience driven problems (ex: social media, apps, prototypes, language, business plan, etc.)
- c. Creatively combine visual content and language into targeted creative solutions (ex: decks and prototypes, apps, websites, multi-product systems, integrated solutions, etc.)
- d. Apply effective storytelling techniques to create a strong, appropriate narrative (ex: day in the life, design flows, brand personality, etc.)
- e. Execute creative content AND/OR complete solutions that are focused, simplified and devoid of unnecessary or unrelated elements or content

3. **Continuity (Scalability/Cohesion?):** *Students earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Xd will display proficiency in developing cohesive, extendable and/or scalable creative solutions consistent with project or client requirements.*

Students will be able to

- a. Transform rough ideas into professional level rapid prototyping OR proof of concepts (ex: key features, wireframes, paper screen flows, pop app, case study video, sketchbook, etc.)
- b. Persuasively write AND/OR create diverse visual content in a variety of styles that communicate to a wide range of audiences
- c. Create professional level visual communication that is scalable and can expand an experience or brand image (ex: creative writing, portfolio pieces, etc.)
- d. Effectively employ a range of channels that expand the connection to a target audience (ex: digital, social, non-traditional executions, etc.)
- e. Execute entire project with attention to detail and cohesiveness from idea through finished product (ex: research, strategy, copywriting, project pitch, architecture, wireframes, prototypes, UX/UI design, presentation, etc.)

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- 4. Craftsmanship (Execution?) (Process, Tools & Skills):** *Students earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Xd will exhibit the proper and precise use of the creative professional's **process, tools and skills** to complete a professional product worthy of presentation.*

Students will be able to

- a. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the appropriate tools and capabilities of primary industry software programs (Adobe CS, After Effects, Keynote, iMovie, etc.)
- b. Methodically plan, schedule and consistently document process throughout project development
- c. Visualize and rapidly communicate multiple, potential solutions using sketches and brainstorming techniques (brainstorming, sketchbook, etc.)
- d. Construct meaningful communication solutions using either successfully written content (spelling, grammar, structure, etc.) OR appropriate design tactics and principles.
- e. Write, organize, build and deliver effective presentations OR case studies with clarity, precision and timing (ex: Keynote, video of presentation, persuasive speaking skills, etc.)

- 5. Collaboration:** *Students earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Xd will demonstrate the ability to successfully collaborate in situations commonly encountered in the communication industry.*

Students will be able to

- a. Contribute ideas through brainstorming OR other co-creation with others (ex: mind maps, architecture, scenarios, audience, etc.)
- b. Demonstrate professional behavior when participating in a team environment (ex: attends group meetings outside of class, communicates with teammates in a timely manner, is respectful of other's ideas and contributions, etc.)
- c. Meet timelines and deadlines to deliver work according to a project schedule
- d. Perform as an effective member of the team, producing quality work within a collaborative structure
- e. Define roles, percentages, and resource allocations within an established partnership