



CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

COURSE OUTLINE			
TERM: Spring 2026	COURSE NO: IXD 206		
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE TITLE: Professional Development		
OFFICE: E-MAIL:	LOCAL: @capilanou.ca	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 9.0
OFFICE HOURS:			
COURSE WEBSITE:			

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COURSE FORMAT

This course consists of 7 weeks of in-class seminar and 8 weeks of work-related experiences for a total of 15 weeks. The in-class seminar component consists of three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through online or other activities and may be offered in an online or mixed-mode format. Students will also complete 8 weeks of work-related experiences in which a student will assume a practicum position working in an interaction design related role, participate in professional development (PD), and/or complete special projects for an average of 22.5 hours per week.

COURSE PREREQUISITE

24 IXD credits

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

In this course, students will develop a digital portfolio, résumé and skills to secure industry employment. This work-integrated learning course provides an opportunity for students to apply classroom theory to employment practices. Students will gain interaction design work related experience through one or a combination of experiences including practicum placement, professional development (PD), or completion of special projects. Students are responsible for securing their own practicum placement, prior to the first week of the course, with the support, consultation, and approval of the assigned faculty supervisor/instructor.

COURSE NOTE

IXD 206 is an approved Experiential course for Cap Core requirements.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES

Details on recommended texts and readings, if any, will be supplied by the instructor.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- Evaluate individual strengths, weaknesses, interests and attitudes while exploring employment opportunities.
- Produce a digital portfolio and résumé for employment.
- Apply learned knowledge and skill to real-world interactive design problems.
- Use verbal and written communication effectively with colleagues/peers and/or clients.
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner, as expected in the workplace.
- Build a network within the interaction design community.
- Reflect and report on professional practice.

Students who complete this Experiential course will be able to do the following:

- Critically reflect on their progress and development in the context of the course and assess the utility of the acquired knowledge, skills, and values in the learner's personal, academic, or professional trajectory.
- Apply the skills and knowledge of a given discipline or professional context, including working collaboratively in both leadership and team roles.

COURSE CONTENT

Students should expect to spend at least 8 hours/per week on course readings, weekly in-class learning activities, collaborative projects, or assignments.

Week	Topic
1	Day 1: Review of practicum placement agreement/PD proposal, timeline, and/or deliverables Day 2: Evaluate individual strengths, weaknesses, interests and attitudes Day 3: Explore and identify future employment opportunities and define career goals
2	How to write & format a case study, develop a portfolio to support career goals, assess existing body of work, online self-promotion
3-4	Portfolio and Resume preparation, interview training for interaction designers
5-6	Portfolio Assessments
7-14	Work-Integrated Learning (WIL): Students will complete industry related work experiences and/or special projects

Week	Topic
15	Work Experience Presentation: Students present a summary of their interaction design related experience

EVALUATION PROFILE

Assessment
Proposal: Practicum job description and practicum placement agreement meet program criteria and are on file before the work term begins (Week 6). If a professional development project is involved, a proposal will be included and practicum placement agreement is not required.
Practicum Report: Report must include timesheets/PD activity log, details of the work-related experience, student self-assessment and meet the departmental equivalent of a C grade or higher.
Presentation of work experience at mandatory work experience workshop.
Performance evaluation: Employer or faculty supervisor evaluation of the students' work performance. Student must attain a minimum of 'satisfactory' on the evaluation.
Completion of 180 work-related hours as reported by the timesheets/PD activity log in the practicum report.

GRADING PROFILE

CREDIT	All aspects of the work experience and assessed work are completed on time and to a satisfactory or higher standard.
NO CREDIT	Aspects of the work experience are not satisfactory, or are not completed or submitted within the required timeframe or date.

Incomplete Grades

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

Late Assignments

All late assignments will receive a penalty of a 20% deduction for each period of 1 to 7 days that an assignment is late.

Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.

Missed exams, quizzes and tests (if any) will be assigned a grade of zero. Make-up exams, quizzes and tests are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises, at the discretion of the instructor. Accommodations can be made to honour community needs and traditional practices.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities. Students who are absent for more than three classes without permission from the instructor may fail the course. At the discretion of the instructor, students may be marked absent for arriving more than 15 minutes late, leaving class early without permission or turning webcams off for extended periods of time.

Students are responsible for:

- Informing the instructor and division assistant in writing, if a class will be missed.
- Maintaining assignment due dates.
- Obtaining any missed class materials from their peers. It is not the instructor's responsibility to provide students with instruction that was missed during class time.

English Usage

Students are expected to proofread all written work for grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

Electronic Devices

Students may use electronic devices during class for course-related purposes only, unless they have a documented accommodation requirement from Accessibility Services. Use of the internet, social media or e-mail during class is limited to program-related work.

On-line Communication

Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

Instructors will be available during their office hours to support student learning and will communicate with students using their official Capilano University email or MS Teams. Students and instructors are encouraged to respond to online communications within 2 business days.

UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS**Tools for Success**

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-services/>

Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)

Policy Statement (S2009-06)

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Academic Integrity (S2017-05)

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information:

<https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

Academic dishonesty is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

Cheating: Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Fraud: Creation or use of falsified documents.

Misuse or misrepresentation of sources: Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

Plagiarism: Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

Self-Plagiarism: Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

Prohibited Conduct: The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Procedure (found on Policy page <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>)

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.

DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM OPERATIONAL DETAILS

Refer to the following IDEA School of Design policies:

- [Academic Performance policy](#)
- [Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [Plagiarism Policy](#)
- [AI Policy](#)