Segal Design Certificate

The Segal Design Certificate program enables undergraduate students at Northwestern University to develop design knowledge and skills that will give them a competitive edge in their careers. Certificate students apply design thinking in a team-based, cross-disciplinary settings, and identify and solve real-world problems for real clients.

1. **TAKE ONE PREREQUISITE COURSE**
   Select one of the introductory design thinking courses
   - DSGN 106-1 Design Thinking and Communication
   - DSGN 208 Design Thinking and Doing

2. **DECLARE YOUR INTENT TO PURSUE**
   Complete & submit the Intent to Pursue form to enroll in the Design Certificate program

3. **TAKE 3 UNITS OF APPROVED ELECTIVES**
   Explore a range of design topics or create your own theme. Be sure your electives address the noses below.
   - Only two courses can overlap between the Design Certificate and the “major requirements” of your primary BS or BA degree as described in the undergraduate catalog. Outside of the “major requirements” portion of your degree, you can have additional overlapping courses.
   - Courses must be taken for a grade (not P/N, with the exception of DSGN 375, Data as Art)
   - Grades must be “C” or higher for any course to be applied to the Certificate
   - Electives must be from the Approved Elective list, or approved by petition (no more than one unit can be by petition)
   - At least one elective must be a DSGN course
   - At least two electives must be 300 level
   - Half-unit courses must be paired to make a full unit, both halves must be 300 level for the unit to count as a 300 level elective
   - Graduate courses cannot be used toward the Certificate

4. **TAKE ONE OF THE REQUIRED DESIGN SEQUENCES**
   Select one of the two-quarter design sequences to take in your junior or senior year. The two quarters must be back-to-back.
   - DSGN 380-1,2 Industrial Design Projects I & II
   - DSGN 382-1,2 Service Design Studio I & II
   - DSGN 384-1,2 Interdisciplinary Design Projects I & II

5. **TAKE THE REQUIRED DESIGN PORTFOLIO COURSE**
   We recommend taking this class after as many design classes as possible, but it is not a requirement to complete the other design courses first.

6. **SUBMIT YOUR PETITION TO RECEIVE**
   Complete & submit the Petition to Receive form **two quarters** before you plan to graduate.

If you have any questions about the design Certificate or wish to set up an advising appointment, please contact one of the certificate advisors.

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