Overview

BENV1015 provides an introduction to design as an interdisciplinary field of enquiry.

The course examines the origins, contexts and evolution of urban, interior and industrial design ideas and practices from a primarily Western perspective. Drawing on key historical developments in design philosophy and practice from Classical Greece to the late 20th century, students are introduced to significant styles, movements, practitioners and projects within a critical framework of their wider social, cultural, economic and technological contexts.

The course comprises three modules, each addressing key interdisciplinary ideas and practices from a different perspective (body, people, place). This thematic framework focuses on the wider social, cultural, economic and technological contexts of Western design ideas and practices in order to investigate their interdisciplinary resonances. By drawing relationships between and among epochs and philosophies, students consider how an understanding of historical design approaches can productively inform current design thinking, including their own.

The three project-based assessments in this course enable students to articulate their understanding using a range of verbal, visual, analogue and digital modes. Through informed research, contextual analysis, and collaborative reflection on self-selected case studies, students are encouraged to explore versatile communication techniques in line with their own emerging design communication sensibilities.
**Faculty**  
Faculty of Built Environment

**School**  
School of Built Environment

**Study Level**  
Undergraduate

**Delivery Mode**  
Fully on-site

**Indicative contact hours**  
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**Timetable**  
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Course Outline

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Additional Information

This course is offered as General Education.
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