ENGINEERING DESIGN, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

To address design responsibilities necessary for engineering graduates, the engineering design minor develops design skills in students through a series of core project-based design courses supplemented by general electives in their discipline or related field. Through team-based projects, students apply engineering design processes to address design opportunities, from exploration of the problem space through exploration of the solution space. By focusing on different elements of a design process (e.g., defining and exploring the problem vs. identifying, prototyping, and evaluating design solutions), but covering in totality, the minor’s courses complement each other and provide students with a deeper understanding of engineering design. Specific areas of emphasis in this minor include problem framing, stakeholder engagement, human-centered design, rapid prototyping, prototyping to validate assumptions, systems-level design and professional communication. The tools and techniques developed in this minor should be broadly applicable to various engineering disciplines.