Applied Learning

2024-26 Cohort; 2026 HKDSE

ltem	Description
1. Course Title	Interior and Exhibition Design
2. Course Provider	Vocational Training Council
3. Area of Studies/	Creative Studies/
Course Cluster	Design Studies
4. Medium of	Chinese or English
Instruction	
5. Learning Outcomes	 Upon completion of the course, students should be able to: (i) identify the characteristics of the built environment design profession and the development of the design trend and business in local and global context; (ii) demonstrate a basic understanding of the work ethics of built environment designers and the importance of copyright issues; (iii) apply basic design knowledge and skills to create design solutions in consideration of end-users' needs, functional requirements and environment; (iv) appreciate and interpret different styles of built environment; (v) demonstrate communication and interpersonal skills in the built environment design industry; and (vi) enhance self-understanding and explore directions on further studies and career pursuits.

6. Curriculum Map – Organisation and Structure



Elective Modules (120 hours)



7. The Context

- The information on possible further study and career pathways is provided to enhance students' understanding of the wider context of the specific Applied Learning course.
- The recognition of Applied Learning courses for admission to further studies and career opportunities is at the discretion of relevant institutions. Students who have successfully completed Applied Learning courses have to meet other entry requirements as specified by the institutions.

Possible further study and career pathways

Further studies

• e.g. courses related to interior design, furniture and lifestyle product design, event and exhibition design, stage and set design, architectural design, landscape architecture, product design, visual communication

Career development

• e.g. junior interior designers, junior exhibition designers, junior furniture and lifestyle product designers, junior draftsmen, junior project co-ordinators, illustrators



Foundation knowledge developed in junior secondary education

The course is built upon the foundation knowledge students acquired in, e.g.

- Chinese Language Education and English Language Education communication skills
- Mathematics Education measurement and scale
- Arts Education appreciation and critiques in arts
- **Personal, Social and Humanities Education** cross-disciplinary thinking (historically, socially and culturally)
- Technology Education technology as a value-added process for creating space

8. Learning and Teaching

In this course, student-centred learning and teaching activities are designed to enable students to understand fundamental theories and concepts, develop their generic skills, and address their career aspirations in built environment design industry.

Different modes of activities are employed to provide students with a systematic understanding about the context (e.g. lectures to grasp the overview of the history of interior and exhibition design as a profession and its latest development) and eye-opening opportunities to experience the complexity of the context (e.g. field visits to important exhibitions and designer studios of significant values in Hong Kong to recognise the special features of interior and exhibition design in Hong Kong).

Students acquire an understanding of the requirements, fundamental knowledge and skills essential for further learning within the area through learning-by-practising opportunities in an authentic or near-authentic environment (e.g. hands-on activities on drawing surrounding environment by hand sketch, creating 3D testing model to present spatial design ideas, and using computer-aided design software to draw basic 3D shapes and forms).

Students are also encouraged to develop and apply conceptual, practical and reflective skills to demonstrate entrepreneurship and innovation. Students are given opportunities to integrate the knowledge and skills acquired and consolidate their learning (e.g. the"Interior/Exhibition Design Project" provides students with a learning opportunity to develop innovative design concepts by analysing the research findings and synthesising design ideas in the consideration of project budget and end-users' requirements so as to create and design their own ideal expression of an ideal interior/exhibition design).

9. Curriculum Pillars of Applied Learning

Through related contexts, students have different learning opportunities, for example:

(i) Career-related Competencies

- acquire a macro understanding of built environment design in business with consideration of local and global design trend;
- understand the importance of intellectual property rights and ethical issues, as well as the roles and responsibilities of built environment design personnel;
- develop basic knowledge and skills e.g. research, analytical and problem-solving skills, necessary for the key stages of the design cycle in built environment design;
- present design concepts effectively to the intended end-users through integration of various media and appropriate presentation skills; and
- identify the aptitudes and abilities required in built environment design industry and plan a personal roadmap to articulate to different levels of qualifications.

(ii) Foundation Skills

- employ numeracy skills e.g. measurement and scaling, in constructing threedimensional visual forms during design process;
- express ideas using appropriate terminologies used in the built environment industry for appreciation and critiques of built environment design works;
- demonstrate effective communication skills in verbal and visual presentation in the design project; and
- apply information technology skills (such as social media and 3D printing) in doing research on built environment design trends and model making.

(iii) <u>Thinking Skills</u>

- demonstrate problem-solving and decision-making skills to provide appropriate solutions with consideration of various aspects, such as human factor concern, end-users' needs, aesthetics and functions;
- apply creative thinking skills by the "think-out-of-the-box" methods to generate multiple design options;
- apply analytical skills, such as recognising what information is needed, locating and obtaining it from a range of sources and evaluating it; and
- evaluate the design proposal and justify choices made/direction against various scenarios and make recommendations for further improvement.

(iv) People Skills

- illustrate self-reflection skills upon receiving feedback from course tutors and classmates during various learning activities such as class exercises, group discussion, presentation and critique;
- demonstrate self-management skills in assessment of design work at different stages and sequence up to design project presentation; and
- employ interpersonal and collaborative skills which are essential for built environment designers in brainstorming, group discussion, presentation and participation in the design project.

(v) Values and Attitudes

- appreciate the endeavours and fruits of different artistic pieces with sensitivity through peer critique, and learn humbly from mistakes;
- identify various legal and ethical issues such as design originality, copyright, patent rights and intellectual property rights;
- show enthusiasm, motivation and willingness to learn through learning-bypractising opportunities; and
- demonstrate self-confidence and sense of responsibility in the course of design and presentation of the project.