

SEC 402	Design Thinking and Innovation	1L:1T:0P	2 Credits
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Course Objectives:

Operating under turbulent and uncertain business environment, ‘innovation’ has become the key driver of organizational success for all companies. Managers are expected to be leading this change by navigating companies into rapid evolution of new products/services and business models.

The primary focus of DTI is to help learners develop creative thinking skills and apply design based approaches/tools for identifying and implementing innovation opportunities into implementable projects. Following a learning-by-doing approach, the objectives of the course are –

1. Introduce students to design-based thinking approach to solve problems
2. Observe and assimilate unstructured information to well framed solvable problems
3. Introduce student to templates of ideation
4. Understand the importance of prototyping in the innovation journey
5. Implementing innovation projects

Course Content:

Unit 1: Basics of Design Thinking

1. Understand the concept of innovation and its significance in business
2. Understanding creative thinking process and problem solving approaches
3. Know Design Thinking approach and its objective
4. Design Thinking and customer centricity – real world examples of customer challenges, use of Design Thinking to Enhance Customer Experience, Parameters of Product experience, Alignment of Customer Expectations with Product.
5. Discussion of a few global success stories like AirBnB, Apple, IDEO, Netflix etc.
6. Explain the four stages of Design Thinking Process – Empathize, Define, Ideate, Prototype, Implement

Unit 2: Learning to Empathize and Define the Problem

1. Know the importance of empathy in innovation process – how can students develop empathy using design tools
2. Observing and assimilating information
3. Individual differences & Uniqueness Group Discussion and Activities to encourage the understanding, acceptance and appreciation of individual differences.
4. What are wicked problems
5. Identifying wicked problems around us and the potential impact of their solutions

Unit 3 : Ideate, Prototype and Implement

1. Know the various templates of ideation like brainstorming, systems thinking
2. Concept of brainstorming – how to reach consensus on wicked problems
3. Mapping customer experience for ideation
4. Know the methods of prototyping, purpose of rapid prototyping.
5. Implementation

Unit 4 : Feedback, Re-Design & Re-Create

1. Feedback loop, focus on User Experience, address ergonomic challenges, user focused design
2. Final concept testing,
3. Final Presentation – Solving Problems through innovative design concepts & creative solution

Text Books (Latest Edition):

1. E Balaguruswamy , Developing Thinking Skills (The way to Success), Khanna Book Publishing Company
2. Tim Brown,“Change by Design: How Design Thinking Transforms Organizations and Inspires Innovation”, *Harvard Business Review*
3. 8 steps to Innovation by R T Krishnan & V Dabholkar, Collins Publishing

Reference Book

1. Design Thinking by Nigel Cross, Bloomsbury

Course Outcome(s):

By the end of the course, students will be able to –

- Propose real-time innovative product designs and Choose appropriate frameworks, strategies, techniques during prototype development.
- Know wicked problems and how to frame them in a consensus manner that is agreeable to all stakeholders using appropriate frameworks, strategies, techniques during prototype development.
- Analyze emotional experience and Inspect emotional expressions to better understand users while designing innovative products
