Spring 2021
INF 385K - Projects in HCI
Unique: 27179
Room: Online
Mon 12:00 - 3:00pm

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Course Description
In preparation for a career as a UX professional, students need to gain experience working in a fast-paced, Agile methodology, as part of a cross-discipline team. This course will take students, assuming the roles of UX Researchers and UX Designers, through 7 sprints as they complete a full life-cycle project from conception to implementation. Class meetings will follow a Scrum, two-week, Sprint methodology with each Sprint having a kickoff, a check-in, and a presentation meeting.

The instructor will assume the role of both the client as well as the product/project manager to ensure things stay on schedule since we are constrained to the timeline of the semester.

Objectives
The student successfully completing this class will:
- gain experience applying their knowledge of both UX Research and UX Design in a Industry-paced project
- complete a full life-cycle project from initial client concept to hi-fi mockups
- employ various methodologies, learned in previous courses, to get a more holistic view of when/how to best implement the various tools learned

Class Format
This course is a projects based course that applies knowledge already learned in previous courses. Therefore there is no official readings or lectures outside of the weekly team meetings and strategy sessions.

Grades
Grades will be based 100% on your participation and ability to contribute to the tasks necessary for the role you assume.

The course is completely team-based, so individual participation is critical to the success of everyone else on the team, as well as the project as a whole.
Schedule:

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Required Textbooks
N/A

Misc
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