

# Product Design Graduate Minor Application for Admission

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

A graduate minor may be earned in product design when it logically relates to the graduate major field. The minor program is designed to suit the particular needs and interests of the student. The course of study is determined in consultation with the student's major advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies for the minor.

To receive a minor in product design, students experience at least one team-based product design process wherein they take an original concept to a working prototype stage with some level of customer involvement. The student should be capable of coming up with creative product concepts, visualizing these concepts, and making well-crafted purposeful prototypes. Ideally, this student will also have exposure to a variety of manufacturing processes and materials, and have a general knowledge of human factors and marketing.

Classes have been selected from across the university that will prepare someone for a career in product design. Product Design Minor courses are grouped into the following categories: Product Design Process; Creativity and Innovation; Drawing and Visualization; Prototyping, Manufacturing and the Environment; Human Factors; and Understanding the Consumer and Market.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Graduate Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Objective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Submit the application with following information as .pdf files to [PDGMinor@umn.edu](mailto:PDGMinor@umn.edu):

- one-page statement of interest
  - Describe your interest and/or experience in design.
  - Explain how this minor supports your major.
- transcripts
- approval of academic adviser for major program

Once the application materials have been received, the program faculty review the materials and make recommendations for admission and advising. Students will be notified via e-mail of the admission decision.

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*Student Signature*

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*Date*

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*Adviser Signature*

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*Date*

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*Approval of Product Design DGS: Barry Kudrowitz*

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*Date*