



# The Design Thinking Initiative explores ways that human-centered design can be integrated and leveraged across the college through three primary activities:

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## HANDS-ON MAKING AS A WAY OF THINKING

The prototyping studios are collaborative spaces to create and work on projects of any kind. The spaces are intended to lower the barrier of entry to making things by encouraging students to explore materials in new ways and claim technology as their own. We aim to cultivate creativity, self-efficacy, resilience, and resourcefulness through making.



*'I think a lot of people accept the world the way it is just because that's the way it is. This course taught me that anybody can look at something in this world and decide to make a change.'*

IDP 316 Design Thinking Student

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## CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND ENHANCEMENT

The Initiative currently offers two interdisciplinary (IDP) courses, along with fully funded immersive summer internships linked to curricular offerings. In addition, we work with faculty to explore how design mindsets and methods can enrich courses, integrated learning, and enhanced opportunities for students to actively apply knowledge. We aim to foster a culture of curiosity, innovation, and engagement across difference.

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## BUILDING CAPACITY ACROSS THE COLLEGE

Through workshops, trainings, guest contributions, and resources we engage a diversity of units, departments, functions, centers, and administrative offices across campus in new methodologies for making institutional change. We aim to demonstrate the power of processes rooted in empathy, imagination, iteration, experimentation, transparent communication, and collaborative intention.

