LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Integrate thorough understanding of the history and theory of relationships between design and human behavior, with a particular emphasis on human ecology perspectives.

2. Demonstrate the intellectual skills for inquiry, creative thinking, and critical analysis in design and its application to local, national, and global challenges.

3. Demonstrate a range of research skills that will allow them to identify, evaluate, and apply design solutions for the betterment of social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental sectors.

4. Practice excellent communication skills, across a range of formats (eg, written, oral, and visual communications) and target audiences (eg, scholarly, professional, community-engaged communications) that will further understanding and application of the role of design in everyday life.

5. Develop professional skills (eg, teamwork both within and across fields, project management and leadership, representation of skills through portfolio production) to apply design research skills to create new knowledge and solve problems in real world settings.