

History of Industrial Design

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Course description:

Course Format

This is a remote asynchronous course; the course materials are delivered through Canvas <http://canvas.gatech.edu/>

Description

This course surveys the history of design from the Industrial Revolution to our contemporary times. It focuses on general design principles (formal, functional, stylistic and ideological), historical data (influences from politics, science, philosophy), the rise of industrial design as a profession (engineering vs. aesthetic concerns, studio vs. manufacturing plant), principles of mass production (new materials and technologies, product testing, consumer politics), and contemporary issues in design (human factors approaches, sustainable design).

Academic honesty/integrity statement:

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.