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## Syllabus

# PROJECT I

**COURSE OBJECTIVE and DESCRIPTION** **TES111E Project I** is a studio course with the main objective to enable first year students to recognize, explore, analyze, conceptualize, interpret, and critically approach the fundamental ways in which humans, objects, spaces and the environment are interrelated. Students are expected to gain dexterity in creative problem solving and in using the basic terminology of different design disciplines. By the end of the course, students will be able to develop design alternatives for a given brief in a natural, cultural and conceptual context, and by considering the structural, material, and constructional parameters related to the scale of the given design problem. Providing a venue to acquire skills in analysis and synthesis in design, the course also aims at informing the students on theory and practice of creativity, general design principles, basic design elements, and key issues in design, helping them to effectively employ basic verbal and graphic communicative skills to receive and convey ideas. By the end of the course, students are expected to exhibit skills to gather, assess, record, apply and comparatively evaluate information relevant for their design processes.

**COURSE CONTENT** Course includes 4 projects. The assessment of each project is executed separately. A more comprehensive description and objectives of each project can be found in the weekly schedule below.

The projects are expected to touch to the complementary themes (Being, body (anthropometry, capacities and limitations), space / Human, object, parameters of design/ Structure, loads, material, parameters/ Human, culture, nature/urban experience, physiological, sociological and bodily experiences in urban space). The students will gain skills in developing design alternatives in relation with the natural, cultural and conceptual context and by taking into consideration the structural, material, construction parameters related to the design's scale. This module provides the students with necessary skills to be able to present their research and design works by verbal, written and visual techniques.

### **MODULE 1 | WEEKS 2-3**

#### **Make it / Fold it / Move it**

In this module, students will engage in a dynamic design task aimed at crafting a versatile and allocentric assistive extension. This task involves designing a wearable prosthesis that might be needed and responds to an action that is challenging to perform in any living environment. The allocentric extension should be tailored to your own ergonomics while also allowing for easy transformation to accommodate different actions and scenarios. The project will encompass definition of the core action(s) using photography,

conceptualization of design ideas through freehand sketching, and implementation by creating physical models. During the model-making process, students are encouraged to explore creative and novel solutions by employing readily available, recycled, or waste materials.

#### **MODULE 2 | WEEKS 4-5**

##### **Light\_being or Voyage of Lights**

The second module “Light\_being or Voyage of Lights” focuses on exploring the possibilities of light and its dynamic interactions with form, shadow, structure, and surfaces that envelop the generated structure. Students are encouraged to investigate the possibilities for gradual transitions between different states such as shifts and leaps from darkness to light, rigidity to flexibility, heaviness to lightness, singularity to plurality, closure to openness, permanence to transience, and vice versa. This module comprises two main approaches. In the first phase, students are tasked with crafting a structural composition with a particular focus on considering the effects of light within the confines of an enclosing volume. The second approach entails generating a volume first, followed by construction of a structure with a tensional or compressional integrity and its interaction with light.

#### **MODULE 3 | WEEKS 6-8**

##### **Spatial Sensations of Corpotrails**

This module is designed to serve as an introduction to exploring, documenting, and analyzing how bodily movement transforms and shapes the very essence of space while influencing the way it is perceived. It focuses on sensory aspects and experiences associated with the traces or imprints left by the movement of a body in space. Students will collaborate in groups to conceptualize bodily movement's spatialization, construct a structure, and experiment with the environment they create through elements such as sound, light, color, and more. This involves not only envisioning the intricate interplay of the human embodiment within the spatial landscape but also the act of constructing a tangible structure that encapsulates and amplifies these immersions. Assessment in this module will be based on active participation in group projects, the quality and creativity of your spatial concepts and structures, and students' ability to craft immersive environments that resonate with multisensory experiences.

#### **MODULE 4 | WEEKS 9-14**

##### **Final Project: Being\_in spaces of food**

In the final module, students will embark on a journey to understand and explore the intricate relationship between food, culture, and spatial design. The objective is to delve into the spatial requirements of food-making and food-serving environments while meticulously documenting the myriad flows inherent to food preparation,

encompassing actions, materials, and bodily movements related to both making and serving food.

The exercise begins with an extensive study of kitchens and food-making processes from diverse geographical regions. Students are expected to select one specific culinary tradition to investigate deeply. Through exhaustive research and documentation, students will examine the spatial requirements and body-space interactions inherent to this activity. Additionally, students will explore the potential for externalizing workflow, creating innovative solutions to optimize the culinary journey.

#### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students who complete the course satisfactorily increase their:

1. Design skills,
2. Critical thinking skills,
3. Research and analytical problem-solving skills on a given planning or design problem,
4. Graphical representation and form generating skills learned in visual communication courses,
5. Team-work skills,
6. Use of precedents.

#### WEEKLY PROGRAM

Week	Day	Program	Keywords & Basic Principles	Learning Outcomes
<b>1</b>	Oct. 02	Orientation	- Production within studio - Studio Manifesto - Reviewing & rethinking studio spaces	<b>1,2,3</b>
	Oct. 05	Reveal Your Hybrid self Warm up		
<b>2</b>	Oct. 09	<b>[1]</b> Make/Fold/Move It	- Reviewing & rethinking studio spaces - Student presentations - Documentation	<b>1,2,3,4</b>
	Oct. 12			
<b>3</b>	Oct. 16	<b>[1]</b> Make/Fold/Move It	- Reviewing & rethinking studio spaces - Student presentations - Documentation	<b>1,2,3,4</b>
	Oct. 19			
<b>4</b>	Oct. 23	<b>[2]</b> Light_being	- Structure studies - Material quality of light - Lightning design - Spatiality of light - Atmospheric narratives	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6</b>
	Oct. 26			
<b>5</b>	Oct. 30	<b>[2]</b> Light_being	- Structure studies - Material quality of light - Lightning design - Spatiality of light - Atmospheric narratives	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6</b>
	Nov. 02			
<b>6</b>	Nov. 06	<b>[3]</b> Spatial Sensations of Corpotrails	-Ergonomics -Motion Limits - Materials -Design communication	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6</b>
	Nov. 09			

			-Structure studies - Notation	
<b>7</b>	Nov. 13 Nov. 16	<b>[3]</b> Spatial Sensations of Corpotrails	-Ergonomics -Motion Limits - Materials -Design communication -Structure studies - Notation	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6</b>
<b>8</b>	Nov. 20 Nov. 23	<b>[3]</b> Spatial Sensations of Corpotrails	-Ergonomics -Motion Limits - Materials -Design communication -Structure studies - Notation	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6</b> <b>5</b>
<b>9</b>	Nov. 27 Nov. 30	<b>[4]</b> Being_in spaces of food	- Understanding and exploring various scales of environments - Mapping, storytelling, visualisation - Film-making	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6,</b>
<b>10</b>	Dec. 04 Dec. 07	<b>[4]</b> Being_in spaces of food	- Understanding and exploring various scales of environments - Mapping, storytelling, visualisation - Film-making	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6,</b>
<b>11</b>	Dec. 11 Dec. 14	<b>[4]</b> Being_in spaces of food	- Understanding and exploring various scales of environments - Mapping, storytelling, visualisation - Film-making	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6,</b>
<b>12</b>	Dec. 18 Dec. 21	<b>[4]</b> Being_in spaces of food	- Understanding and exploring various scales of environments - Mapping, storytelling, visualisation - Film-making	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6,</b>
<b>13</b>	Dec. 25 Dec. 28	<b>[4]</b> Being_in spaces of food	- Understanding and exploring various scales of environments - Mapping, storytelling, visualisation - Film-making	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6,</b>
	Jan. 01	<b>New Year Holiday</b>		
<b>14</b>	Jan. 04	<b>[4]</b> Being_in spaces of food	- Understanding and exploring various scales of environments - Mapping, storytelling, visualisation - Film-making	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6,</b>

\* Group work

**STUDIO PROCESS  
and SUBMISSIONS****STUDIO HOURS and USE**

The course will be held **in class** during the hours announced in the weekly program [Monday/Thursday, 08.30–12.30]. Course instructors and students will meet in the allocated studio(s) unless specified otherwise by the course instructors. Each student will have a designated work area during the studio hours. General assemblies or presentations related to the course may be held in the studio using a virtual platform or in one of the conference rooms in Taşkışla.

It is of utmost importance that students keep their working areas clean while in the studio and speckless at the end of the course. **The studio space will be used by another class after ours so it is courteous to evacuate on time with all belongings and trash.**

Please know and comply with TES Studio Principles.  
(<https://tes.mim.itu.edu.tr/studio-principles/>)

**ATTENDANCE**

It is important that students attend all studio sessions. This means being on time and actively participating in the activities held during the course hours under the direction of the studio instructors. There will be a variety of interactive formats so timeliness is essential for efficient planning and individuals' maximum benefit from peers and instructors. **A minimum of 80% attendance is mandatory for a passing grade in studio courses according to ITU Undergraduate Education Regulation Article 23 (Amended: RG-17/6/2021-31514).** Please note that the designated 20% is reserved for sickness (including health reports) and other unforeseen circumstances.

**STUDIO TECHNOLOGY**

Digital platforms will be used profusely during and outside of studio hours to communicate, conduct research, produce and share work. **Ninova (Section's common CRN)** will be used for announcements, access to live or recorded Zoom sessions if necessary, and digital submissions. Additionally, instructors may designate other platforms for announcements and sharing work. We also plan to use supporting platforms such as Google Drive, Miro, and Google Jamboard to share work within the class community and collaborate. It is highly advised that each **student has a laptop computer with the necessary equipment/hardware**. Students are advised to use a computer with access to WiFi, a camera, basic word and picture editing software, and sound features.

All work is to be produced in accordance with the media, material and format requirements set forth by the instructors in the class or in the announcements made through **Ninova** or other designated platforms.

All participants are expected to adhere to the codes of ethical conduct.  
(<https://odek.itu.edu.tr/en/code-of-honor/ethics-in-university-life>)

## DISCUSSIONS and PINUPS

Student works are commonly put under the spotlight for discussion. These discussions serve the purpose of articulating the assessment criteria and conveying suggestions for students to develop their proposals. In these open discussions, students are expected to develop critical perspectives and proactively voice them in the course.

## EXHIBITIONS

A selection of student projects will be exhibited both during and at the end of the semester on suitable platforms.

## EXCURSIONS

Excursions to online and physical venues, stage performances, film screenings, seminars, and webinars are encouraged, requiring full attentiveness, critical engagement and post-reflection.

## JOURNAL

Students are expected to keep a written and visual log of their studio-related processes in a journal that includes sketches, notes and evolving design ideas for their projects. These journals will be included in the course assessment. Students are encouraged to use various techniques (drawings, diagrams, collages, writing etc.) in representing their ideas and observations.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** All announcements will be made on the **Ninova** class interface. Students need to actively use their ITU usernames to access these and/or get related notifications from the ITU-Mobile app.

*At the beginning of each new project, the design topics will be announced, shared and discussed by group tutors. The studio briefs will explain the themes, research questions and expectations for each project, as well as related research, readings, lectures and online sources that are expected to be reviewed by the students before attending to the next studio. The brief will also entail information on the necessary preparations and material for the upcoming project / work.*

*The design themes and topics of the studio will be supported by common lectures, given by invited speakers on selected topics. These lectures will be essentially linked to the studio work and will be complementary to the theoretical, cultural and practical aspects of the work, aiming to enrich the students' design and research process by triggering collective discussions.*

*Due to the large number of students and tutor groups it is of utmost to be ready (computers open, logged on, sketch books out etc.) for the studio days, lectures, and to start and end group congregations on time.*

*Students are also expected to be ready for tutor group sessions in order to start and end at the planned time. Student attendance will be taken by the group tutor at these sessions.*

*The course will center on studio works that are designed to progress in a sequential order. Every work will build on the previous, both in terms of knowledge and experience, as well as study material.*

**EVALUATION** *Attendance means active participation in the course which comprises both attending the course, taking part in discussions, and completing the assigned tasks during the term. Students who do not meet these requirements will get a VF grade and not be able to make a final submission at the end of the semester.*

*The requirement for active participation in the course is 80%. This includes both physically attending classes, regularly completing the in-term projects and participating actively throughout the semester. Students who do not meet these conditions will get VF and cannot make final submission.*

*At the end of the semester, a portfolio will be delivered that includes all the projects prepared to final delivery. Students are required to archive the projects they have completed throughout the semester for their final portfolio.*

Project I Grade Assessment Criteria	Quantity	Contribution
Projects (Midterm)	3	% 60
Final Project Submission	1	% 40

**RECOMMENDED  
READINGS**

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