Dream Big, Do Good, Design Bold
Sustainability in Commercial Interior Design
ID 3760 Commercial Design Studio
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Actions to Implement
This junior level interior design studio explores projects of various complexity and type, having a commercial focus. In the past commercial interior design projects in this course have integrated elements of building sustainability into projects, but have not fully explored the possibilities of its use as a design response to protecting the well-being of the earth, human health, and society.

A capstone project will be introduced to allow students an opportunity to explore these issues and develop a design response to a problem society faces. The project details will change each year to reflect current social and political trends, but remaining constant will be a focus on environmental sustainability and human health through the use of industry building standards, and an exploration of issues that disrupt society.

Student Outcomes
Students will complete a project suitable for a portfolio as they apply for internships and begin their careers. It will feature the following.

- A sense of purpose as an emerging designer.
- A feeling of responsibility to make a positive impact.
- A deeper understanding of ethical issues resulting in a desire to make a positive impact.
- A sense of purpose as an emerging designer.

Impacts
This project will challenge students to make a positive impact in the world for the environment, people, and society, as they explore issues relating to sustainable design.

- Greater awareness of the sustainability of the environment, human health, and society.
- Appreciation for issues faced by marginalized populations.
- Internalization of sustainability issues on a personal level.
- Deeper understanding of ethical issues resulting in a desire to make a positive impact.
- A feeling of responsibility to make a positive impact on the world through design.
- A sense of purpose as an emerging designer.