

Evaluation report Autumn 2023

IT Product Design

Study Programme: IT Product Design

Level: KA

Study Board: SNIKS

This report is based on

- An post-it + oral semester reflection session for first and second-year students on January 26th 2024.

- The faculty questionnaires.

What specific courses does this summary include:

1st semester: Co-Design Frontiers, Design Research Skills.

2nd semester: Professional Project (*new 20 ECTS*), Collaborative Management (*new elective 10 ECTS*)

Positive examples for inspiration:

The changes we made to the curriculum in 2022 now run for the second time and again received very positive feedback from the students in the first semester. New this Fall was the compulsory internship. It has regular seminars alongside the company work on reflective practice and career management. The seminars were received very positively – at least from the students who attended. Also, in a new elective, the 2nd year students in particular valued the chance to practice their project management skills in a 3-week practicum project in January together with 1st year students.

Conditions that call for further follow-up:

An interesting observation has made us think: While we thought it an advantage for the 2nd year students in internships to offer fewer, but longer seminars (every 3rd week), some students responded “*With so few seminars, the content can’t be that important...*”. Apparently, we need to rethink the frequency of seminars.

Also, when the students from 1st and 2nd year got together to choose shared January projects, it became clear that the student cohorts hadn’t really met each other, so we need to do more socially to support interaction between years.

Future initiatives based on the evaluations:

Initiatives since the last evaluation:

The new curriculum is indeed a great improvement, now that we see it in full effect.