

## Design Lab Elements

### Collaboration:

Collaboration, in this context, is the ability to work together in a group towards a common goal to make something more effective. This activity enables students to establish their own individual goals while at the same time learning how to participate in a group process that has its own particular focus. Learning how to collaborate is a fundamental capacity for taking action in any community. It is understood that the act of collaboration between students, faculty, and outside communities is addressed with the utmost respect, consideration, and understanding of all people involved.

### Research:

Research, in this context, involves the formulation of a question that is addressing a serious problem in the world today. Students are introduced to research tools in the Library and on the Internet to give them the skills necessary to gather information. Where the research comes from and how it is evaluated are important components of learning about important matters.

### The Project:

Project, in this context, involves a set of outcomes resulting from a semester's work in the Design Lab. It can come in a multiple of forms such as: presentations, fairs, panel discussions, proposals, and productions. It can be a work-in-progress or a more complete event. The intention is for students' to share their experience with an outside audience by developing their capacities for articulating clearly their research, purposes and goals through oral and written work.