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INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN STRATEGY

A designerly approach to product management









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BY KATHARINE SCHWAB 5 MINUTE READ







For Mauro Porcini, design is the key to making a corporation like PepsiCo relevant. He joined the company in 2012 after a 10-year stint as Chief Design Officer at 3M, and has focused his efforts on creating a company culture that embraces design thinking to make the food and beverage giant more nimble, and create experiences that grow the brand.

At the 2016 Fast Company Innovation Festival, Porcini cited five books that have shaped his design philosophy and helped him implement it in

"Design is the key to making a corporation like PepsiCo relevant."





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UBER: DESIGNING TRUST INTO A COMPANY THAT DESPERATELY NEEDS IT



With a new CEO at the helm, changes to its executive board, and a renewed focus on profitability, Uber is trying to right its ship after a tumultuous 2017. The role of design in that transition, according to vice president of design Michael Gough, is to introduce a more empathic and considered approach to the company and the product. The rapid expansion model that helped Uber scale is no longer sufficient for a company that on the surface may be running an app but in the process is creating new economies. "If we got a button wrong at Adobe, people complained," shares Gough, who prior to Uber led design teams at Microsoft and Adobe. "If we get a button wrong at Uber, entire economies get disrupted. You have to think about all these repercussions, because little mistakes can have incredible downstream

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BY AILEEN KWUN 8 MINUTE READ







Last week, Christopher Hawthorne—the Los Angeles Times's architecture critic of 14 years—announced he'd be leaving his post to become L.A.'s first-ever chief design officer. The new role, specially created for him by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, signaled that design criticism now had a seat at the City Hall table.

Posting the announcement on Twitter, Hawthorne (who's swiftly updated his handle from @HawthorneLAT to @HawthorneCDOLA) humbly admitted that being an architecture critic at a major U.S. newspaper is the only role he'd previously aspired to fulfill, and yet in his final column for the *Times*, made it clear there's no shortage of issues for him to tackle in his new job—from climate change to

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Design Strategy



Design Strategy is about...

Experience



Design Strategy is about...

Emotional Insight



Design Strategy is about...

Narrative, Stories & Value



FUNDAMENTALS

Design strategy is fundamental to bringing design to product management.

Experience

The things and pressures on people that define and shape their interactions

Emotional Insight

Finding meaning in data by looking at it from the perspective of people

Narrative, Stories & Value

Stories of how a person can achieve their goals, and the value they get from an experience

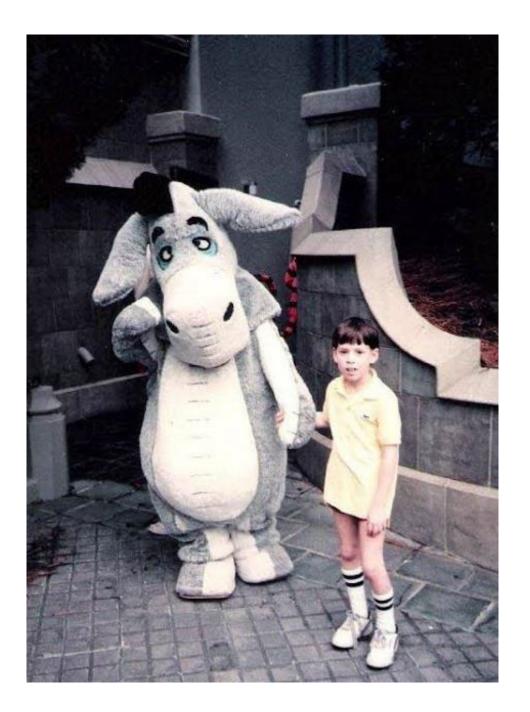
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"In February, the Disney board authorized a budget of nearly \$1 billion for MyMagic+"

— Fast Company





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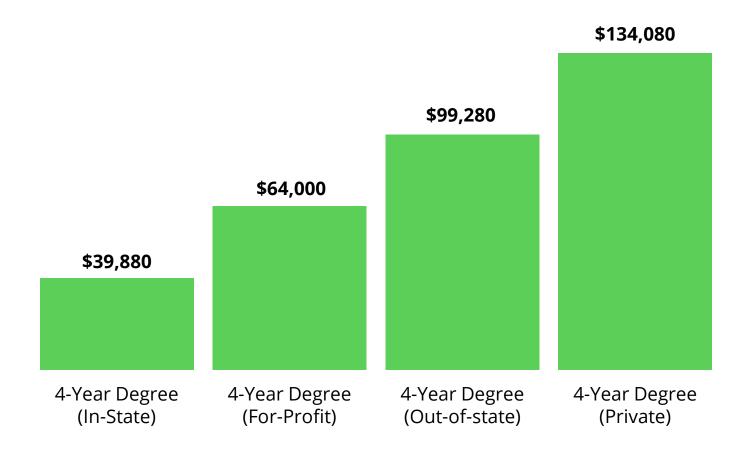
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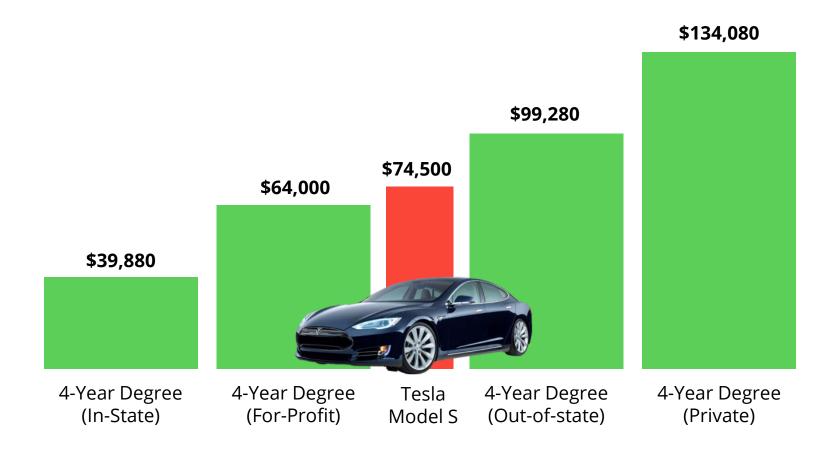


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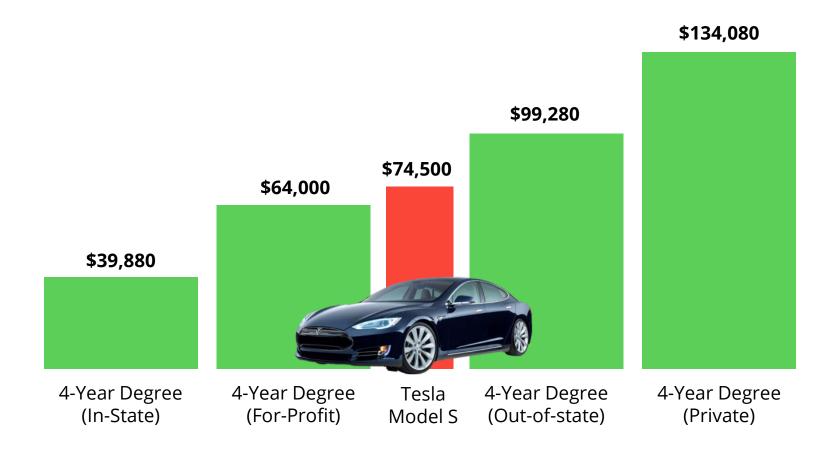




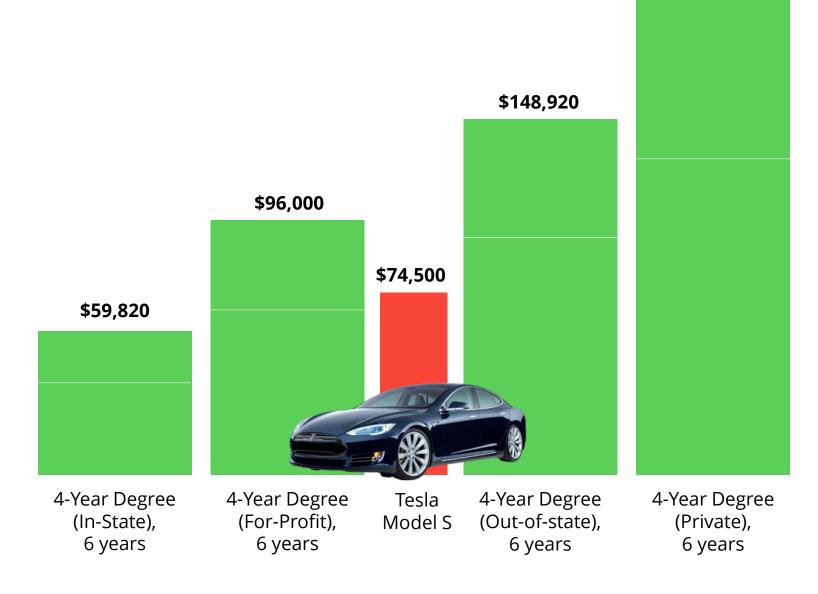


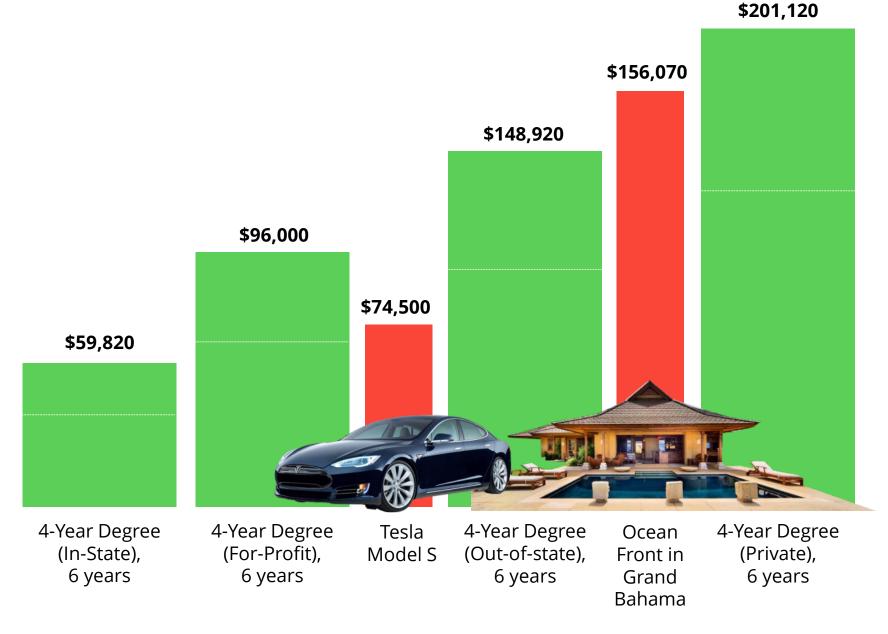
Six year graduation rate for undergrads in the United States:

59%



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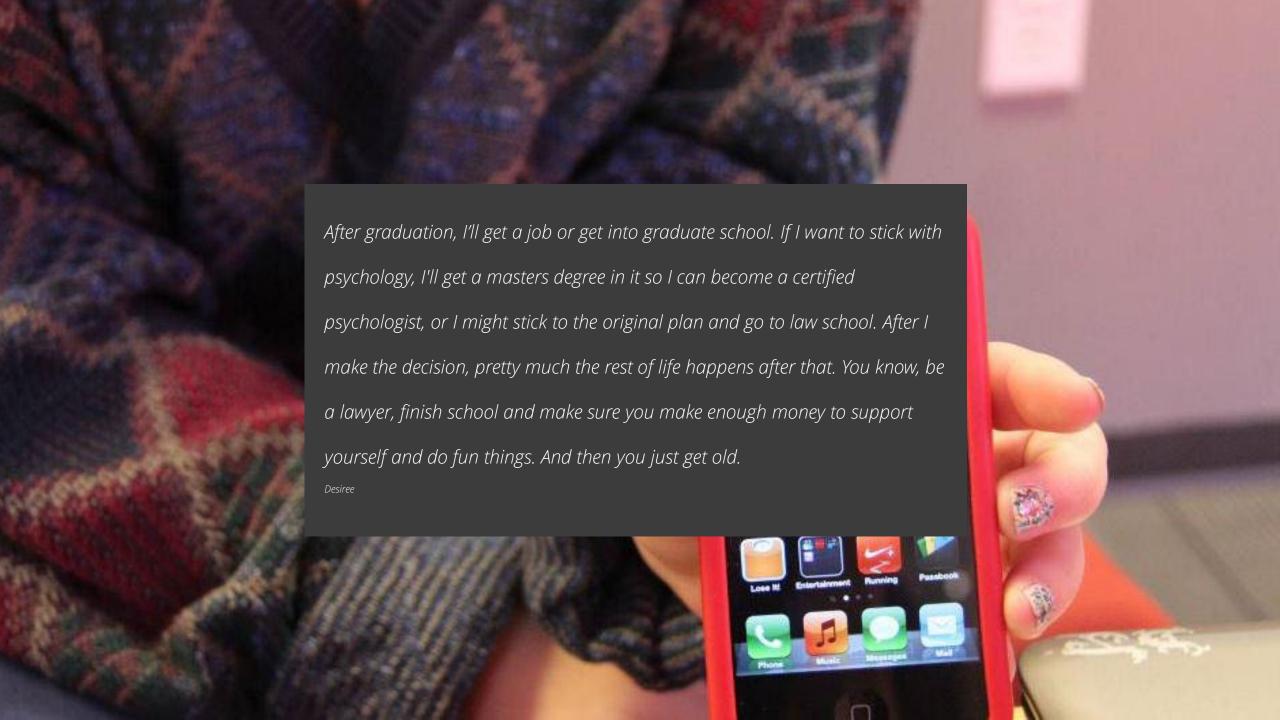
"There was one page that explained how your student loans would be forgiven — the only thing it said is if you die. It didn't make me feel great."

— Sara, Environmental Studies major









Observation:

Students don't know.

Insight:

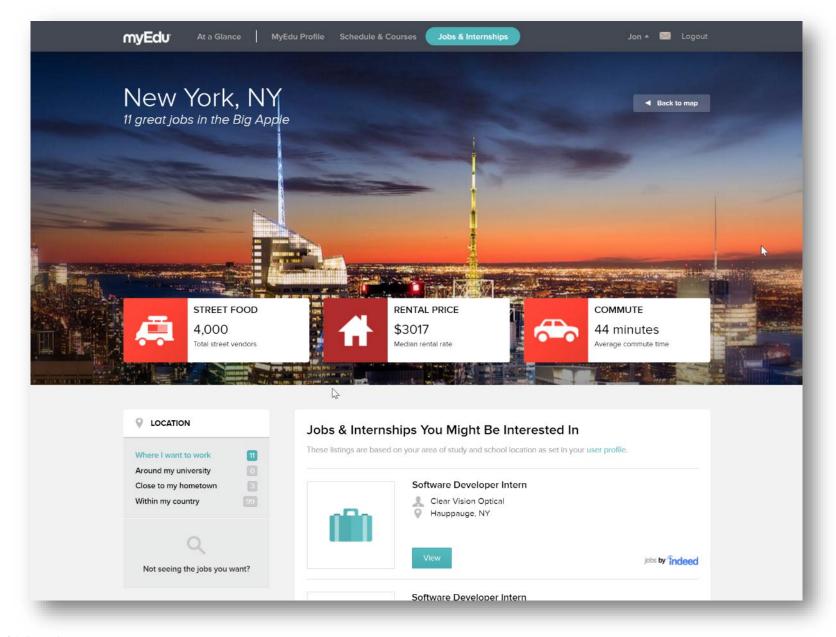
Students feel that college determines the "rest of your life," and describe pressure and an urgency to constantly push forward.

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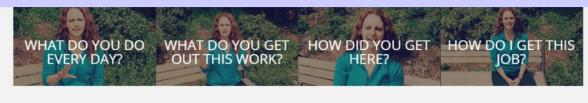


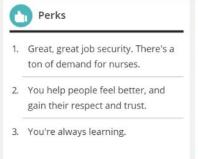




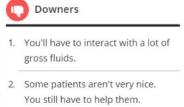












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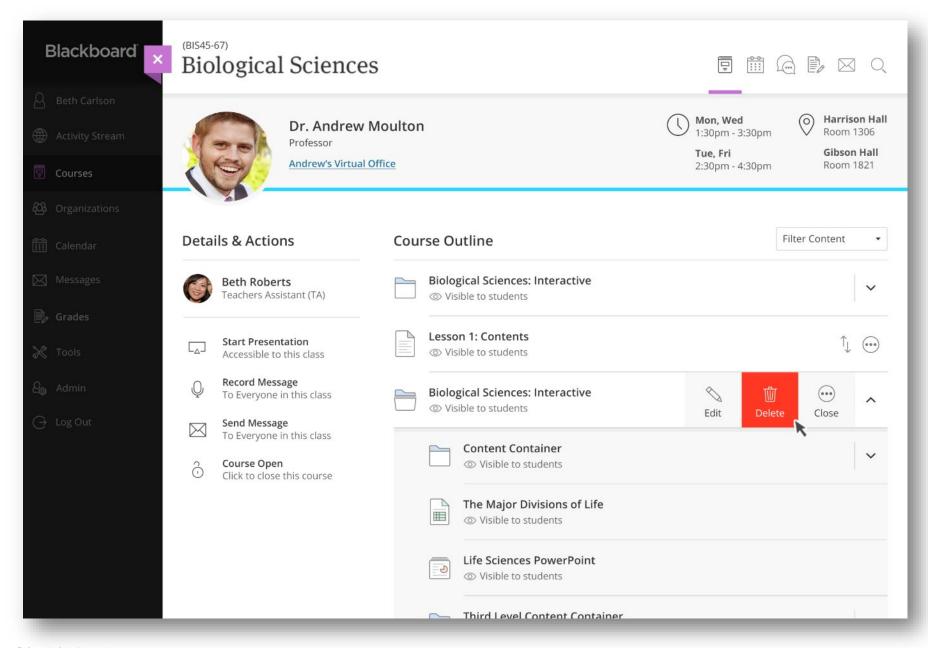
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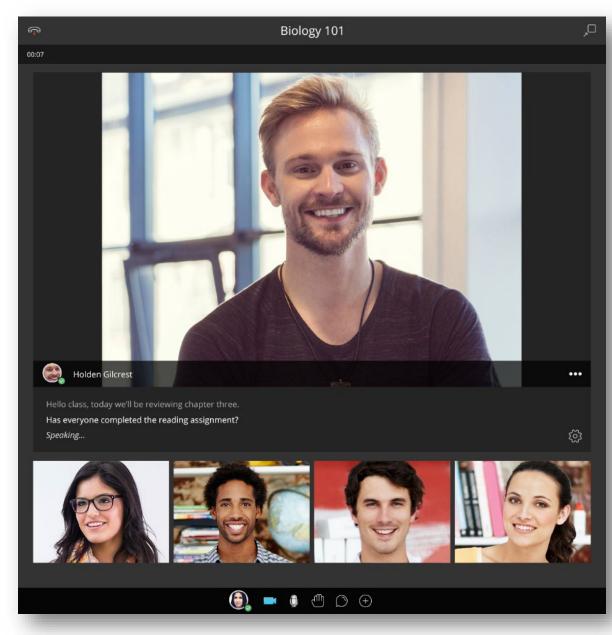












Value:

We minimize anxiety around the academic experience, and help students identify their hidden passions and interests.





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"Today, IBM is announcing more than \$100 million in global investments to greatly expand its UX consultation practice, which serves clients in the realm of experience design and engagement."

— IBM





"General Electric made a massive investment, more than \$1 billion, to build a software Center of Excellence.

Melody Ivory, a User Experience Product Manager, told me, 'I was about employee number 30 in February 2012. By June of 2012 we were close to 100. By the end of the year we were 500 people."

— Harvard Business Review



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OUR AGENDA

Learning by doing

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
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RULES

- 1. Everyone has to draw
- 2. Expect to learn
- 3. Build ideas up instead of cutting them down

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