

Design Thinking Workshops for Smart Campus Project

Picture a Smarter NYCU

Pain Points Collection and Design Thinking Workshops

The Smart Campus Design Thinking Workshop Series began in 2024 with a mini-workshop, held as part of the Office of Student Affairs' Co-Learning Program during the Co-Service Team orientation. Participants used design thinking tools like personas and empathy maps to foster perspective-shifting and team bonding, paving the way for effective service planning. The Co-Service Team, formed by faculty, staff, and students, designs community services based on local needs.

Mini-workshop during Co-Service Team orientation











Following this, *Picture a Smarter NYCU* online campaign was launched, inviting faculty, staff, and students to identify pain points in current campus service processes. The event attracted around 70 participants across campuses, who shared pain points and suggestions spanning various aspects of campus life. Participants provided positive feedback, expressing expectations that these issues would be addressed and improved.





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The Smart Campus Design Thinking Workshops use design thinking tools to uncover campus service needs and co-create innovative applications. Initially structured around the double-diamond model, the first phase focused on identifying pain points, while the second targeted solution design.

During the first phase, a self-directed learning student group joined subsequent discussions, resulting in regular meetings and tool-sharing sessions. These included a group discussion to review and consolidate the pain points identified during the first phase. In that group discussion, we identified five key pain points themes for the second phase co-creation workshop.





Discussions with the self-directed learning student group inspired the exploration of gamified experiences, including a trial session of *UX in the Jungle*, an educational game by the Trend Education Foundation. The game simulates the software development process and emphasizes the importance of user experience (UX) research. Players took on roles in a development team, working collaboratively to create games to hit the markets, highlighting the importance of UX

research, strategy, and teamwork.

