Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. The authors briefly mention external validity as a potential limitation of their research in the discussion. They should expand on this. One possible way to address external validity is to relate their findings to curriculum standards (in the US, these are maintained by accrediting organizations like ABET).

2. If they have plans for future work, perhaps expanding the study to other universities, this should also be added to the conclusion section.

3. The authors do not discuss any similar interdisciplinary design courses in other universities.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests