



Digital Gaming and Simulation  
**GAME 1379 - Introduction to Game Programming**  
 Course Syllabus

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<b>Semester with Course Reference Number (CRN)</b>	Fall 2017 CRN: 39838
<b>Instructor contact information (phone number and email address)</b>	<b>Dr. Reni Abraham</b> (713) 718 – 2067 <a href="mailto:reni.abraham@hccs.edu">reni.abraham@hccs.edu</a> (all class related email communication should be done through CANVAS, Inbox)
<b>Office Location and Hours</b>	West Loop (5601 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77081), Room C256 Office hours by appointment.
<b>Course Location/Times</b>	Online
<b>Course Semester Credit Hours (SCH) (lecture, lab) If applicable</b>	Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 2 Laboratory Hours: 4 External Hours: 0

<b>Total Course Contact Hours</b>	96.00
<b>Course Length (number of weeks)</b>	16 weeks
<b>Type of Instruction</b>	Web Instruction (Canvas)
<b>Course Description:</b>	Examines the role of a programmer in the development of a game and translation of game design to code. Includes hands-on programming using a high level language.
<b>Course Prerequisite(s)</b>	None
<b>Academic Discipline/CTE Program Learning Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define and identify terminologies used in the gaming and simulation industry.</li> <li>2. Demonstrate the use of appropriate tools to develop the assets.</li> <li>3. Create documentation for game or simulation.</li> <li>4. Develop assets for game or simulation.</li> </ol>
<b>Course Student Learning Outcomes (SLO): 4 to 7</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define game programming terminology and syntax.</li> <li>2. Identify the limitations of programming games.</li> <li>3. Prepare pseudocode and/or flowchart for a game.</li> <li>4. Create a game(s) using a high-level programming language.</li> <li>5. Texas Skill Standards Board (TSSB) 2: Develop Human/Computer Interactions for Games or Simulations</li> <li>6. Texas Skill Standards Board (TSSB) 5: Develop Documentation for Games or Simulations</li> </ol>
<b>Learning Objectives (Numbering system should be linked to SLO - e.g., 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, etc.)</b>	<p><b>Define game programming terminology and syntax.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrates the understanding of programming terminology and syntax.</li> </ol> <p><b>Identify the limitations of programming games.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate the understanding of the limitations of programming games.</li> </ol> <p><b>Prepare pseudocode and/or flowchart for a game.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create pseudocode and/or flowchart for a game.</li> </ol> <p><b>Create a game(s) using a high-level programming language.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a game using a high-level programming language.</li> </ol> <p><b>Texas Skill Standards Board (TSSB) 2: Develop Human/Computer Interactions for Games or Simulations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2.3</b> Program sensory feedback for games or simulations.</li> <li><b>2.1</b> Create user interface for games or simulations.</li> <li><b>2.2</b> Program input interface for games or simulations.</li> <li><b>2.4</b> Evaluate user interface for games or simulations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Texas Skill Standards Board (TSSB) 5: Develop Documentation for Games or Simulations</b></p>

	<p><b>5.4</b> Create in-code documentation for games or simulations</p>
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<p><b>Instructional Methods</b></p>	<p>Web</p>
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<p><b>Instructor's Requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read all the assigned readings.</li> <li>• Complete the required assignments and assessments.</li> <li>• Ask for help when there is a question or problem.</li> <li>• Keep up with the materials.</li> <li>• <b>NO</b> late assignments will be given credit, even if you are absent</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO</b> makeup on quizzes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Manage your personal life (work, playing games, etc.) wisely.</b></p>												
<p><b>Program/Discipline Requirements: If applicable</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are expected <b>login at least twice a week.</b></li> <li>• Students are expected to download the game engine for creating the game(s)</li> <li>• Students will be expected to turn in all work with profession quality.</li> <li>• Students will be expected to be self-motivated and enthusiastic about the work to be completed.</li> <li>• Students will be expected to be encouraging and professional at all times.</li> <li>• If there is a presentation requirement, students will be expected to be in professional attire for all presentations.</li> <li>• Students are expected to respect constructive comments from peers.</li> </ul> <p><b>TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972, 20 U.S.C. A§ 1681 ET. SEC</b></p> <p><i>Houston Community College is committed to cultivating an environment free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature including sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual and gender-based misconduct and violates an individual's fundamental rights and personal dignity. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex-including pregnancy and parental status-in educational programs and activities. If you require an accommodation due to pregnancy please contact an Abilities Services Counselor. The Director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator. All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to:</i></p> <p><i>David Cross  Director EEO/Compliance  Office of Institutional Equity &amp; Diversity  3100 Main  (713) 718-8271  Houston, TX 77266-7517 or Houston, TX 77266-7517 or  <a href="mailto:Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu">Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu</a></i></p>												
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IP (In Progress)	0 points per semester hour
W (Withdrawn)	0 points per semester hour
I (Incomplete)	0 points per semester hour
AUD (Audit)	0 points per semester hour

IP (In Progress) is given only in certain developmental courses. The student must enroll to receive credit. COM (Completed) is given in non-credit and continuing education courses.

FINAL GRADE OF FX: Students who stop attending class and do not withdraw themselves prior to the withdrawal deadline may either be dropped by their professor for excessive absences or be assigned the final grade of "FX" at the end of the semester. Students who stop attending classes will receive a grade of "FX", compared to an earned grade of "F" which is due to poor performance. Logging in a DE course without active participation is seen as non-attending. Please note that HCC will not disperse financial aid funding for students who have never attended class.

Students who receive financial aid but fail to attend class will be reported to the Department of Education and may have to pay back their aid. A grade of "FX" is treated exactly the same as a grade of "F" in terms of GPA, probation, suspension and satisfactory academic progress.

To compute grade point average (GPA), divide the total grade points by the total number of semester hours attempted. The grades "IP," "COM" and "I" do not affect GPA.

<b>Instructor Grading Criteria</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="558 237 797 302">Percent</th> <th data-bbox="797 237 1479 302">Item</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="558 302 797 348">50%</td> <td data-bbox="797 302 1479 348">Assignments (Posted on Eagle Online)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="558 348 797 413">40%</td> <td data-bbox="797 348 1479 413">Chapter Quizzes (Posted on Eagle Online)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="558 413 797 478">10%</td> <td data-bbox="797 413 1479 478">Comprehensive Quiz (Eagle Online)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="558 478 797 543"><b>100%</b></td> <td data-bbox="797 478 1479 543"><b>Total</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Percent	Item	50%	Assignments (Posted on Eagle Online)	40%	Chapter Quizzes (Posted on Eagle Online)	10%	Comprehensive Quiz (Eagle Online)	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total</b>
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<b>Instructional Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Starting Out with C++ from Control Structures to Objects</b> (8th Edition) Tony Gaddis ISBN-10: 0133769399 ISBN-13: 978-0133769395</li> <li>• <b><u>Note book (8.5" x 11") and pencil/pen.</u></b></li> <li>• Access to PC</li> <li>• Flash drive and/or External hard drive.</li> </ul>										
<b>HCC Policy Statement:</b>											
<b>Access Student Services Policies on their Web site:</b>	<a href="http://www.hccs.edu/district/students/disability-services/student-resources">http://www.hccs.edu/district/students/disability-services/student-resources</a>										
<b>EGLS3 -- Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System</b>	<p>At Houston Community College, professors believe that thoughtful student feedback is necessary to improve teaching and learning. During a designated time near the end of the term, you will be asked to answer a short online survey of research-based questions related to instruction. The anonymous results of the survey will be made available to your professors and department chairs for continual improvement of instruction. Look for the survey as part of the Houston Community College Student System online near the end of the term.</p>										

**HCC 16-week  
Calendar**

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

Date	Day	Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 11	Monday	Fall 2017 Reg 16 WK: Registration: On-campus hours- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 12	Tuesday	Fall 2017 Reg 16 WK: Last Day for 100% refund
<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 12	Tuesday	Fall 2017 Reg 16 WK: Registration Ends: On-campus hours- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 26	Tuesday	Fall 2017 Reg 16 WK: Official Day of Record
<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 27	Wednesday	Fall 2017 Reg 16 WK: Last Day for 70% refund

**OCTOBER 2017**

Date	Day	Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Oct 3	Tuesday	Fall 2017 Reg 16 WK: Last Day for 25% refund

**NOVEMBER 2017**

Date	Day	Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Nov 3	Friday	Fall 2017 Reg 16 WK: Last Day to withdraw

**DECEMBER 2017**

Date	Day	Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 10	Sunday	Fall 2017 Reg 16-WK: Last day of instruction
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 17	Sunday	Fall 2017 Reg 16 WK: Semester Ends

**Final Exam  
Schedule**

**Friday, Dec. 8 – Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017**



Tentative Course Calendar

Week		Topic	Chapter
1	Aug. 28	Inclement Weather Closure	
2	Sep. 4	Inclement Weather Closure	
3	Sep. 11	Introduction to Programming	Ch. 1: Introduction to Computers and Programming
4	Sep. 18	Introduction to C++	Ch. 2: Introduction to C++
5	Sep. 25	Conference Intro: September 25, 2017 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm	On Canvas
6		C++ Expressions and User Interactivity	Ch. 3: Expressions and Interactivity
7	Oct. 2	Decision Structures	Ch. 4: Making Decisions
8	Oct. 9	Conference Decision: October 16, 2017 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm	On Canvas
9		Decision Structures	Ch. 4: Making Decisions
10	Oct. 23	Conference Iteration: November 6, 2017 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm	On Canvas
11		Iterative Structure	Ch. 5: Loops and Files
12	Nov. 6	Iterative Structure	Ch. 5: Loops and Files
13	Nov. 13	Modular Programming	Ch. 6: Functions
13	Nov. 20	Conference Modular: November 20, 2017 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm	On Canvas
	Nov. 23 Thanksgiving	Modular Programming	Ch. 6: Functions
14	Nov. 27	Arrays	Ch. 7: Arrays
15	Dec. 4	<b>GAMING PROJECT SHOWCASE</b> <b>Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, 6:00pm-8:30pm</b> <b>ATTENDANCE MANDATORY!!! Professional Attire!!</b>	
16		<b>Comprehensive Quiz</b> <b>Friday, Dec. 8 – Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017</b>	