



Digital Gaming and Simulation

Course Syllabus

GAME 2319 - Game Engine

Semester with Course Reference Number (CRN)	Fall 2014 CRN: 44229
Instructor contact information (phone number and email address)	Name: Dr. Reni Abraham Telephone: (713) 718 – 2067 Email: reni.abraham@hccs.edu (prefer all email communication done through Eagle Online 2 email service, QuickMail)
Office Location and Hours	West Loop (5601 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77081), Room C256 Office hours by appointment.
Course Location/Times	West Loop Campus, Room C121 Tuesday 5:30pm – 9:30pm
Course Semester Credit Hours (SCH) (lecture, lab) If applicable	Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 2 Laboratory Hours: 4 External Hours:
Total Course Contact Hours	96.00
Course Length (number of weeks)	16 weeks
Type of Instruction	Face-to-face and 32 hours of web instruction (Eagle Online 2.0)
Course Description:	Explore game engines and their core functionalities such as rendering engine for 2D or 3D graphics, physics engine, collision detection, sound, scripting, animation, artificial intelligence, networking, streaming, and memory management.
Course Prerequisite(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAME 2347 or COSC 1437 or GAME 1343
Academic Discipline/CTE Program Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a design document for a solo game 2. Develop a game or simulation based on the solo design documentation 3. Jointly develop the design documentation for a team project 4. Develop a game or simulation based on the team design documentation
Course Student Learning Outcomes (SLO): 4 to 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the student to understand the structure of a typical game team and understand the structure of a game engine 2. Different game engines based on genre 3. Understanding of tools used to build a game engine 4. Management of resources used by the game engine in the production of the game 5. How the game loop is continued and how real time simulation is accomplished. 6. How to work with human interface devices.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. How to deploy, use and understand results of debugging and development tools. 8. How rendering is accomplished and the steps in the animation pipeline 9. What are the elements of a collision detection system and how rigid body dynamics affect the system 10. What a game play system is and the components of the foundation system
<p>Learning Objectives (Numbering system should be linked to SLO - e.g., 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the student to understand the structure of a typical game team and understand the structure of a game engine • Different game engines based on genre • Understanding of tools used to build a game engine • Management of resources used by the game engine in the production of the game • How the game loop is continued and how real time simulation is accomplished. • How to work with human interface devices. • How to deploy, use and understand results of debugging and development tools. • How rendering is accomplished and the steps in the animation pipeline • What are the elements of a collision detection system and how rigid body dynamics affect the system • What a game play system is and the components of the foundation system
<p>SCANS and/or Core Curriculum Competencies: If applicable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the student to understand the structure of a typical game team and understand the structure of a game engine • Different game engines based on genre • Understanding of tools used to build a game engine • Management of resources used by the game engine in the production of the game • How the game loop is continued and how real time simulation is accomplished. • How to work with human interface devices. • How to deploy, use and understand results of debugging and development tools. • How rendering is accomplished and the steps in the animation pipeline • What are the elements of a collision detection system and how rigid body dynamics affect the system • What a game play system is and the components of the foundation system
<p>Instructional Methods</p>	<p>Lecture – Lab, web enhanced</p>
<p>Student Assignments</p>	<p>Refer to Eagle Online 2.0</p>
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<p>Instructor's Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO late assignments will be given credit, even if you are absent, unless previous arrangements were made with the instructor. • NO make-up exam/quizzes will be given, even if you are absent. <p>Manage your personal life (work, playing games, etc.) wisely.</p>
<p>Program/Discipline Requirements: If applicable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are expected to be on time for class. • If a student is absent for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to find out what was covered in class. • Students will be expected to develop programs where some will be games and simulations using C++. A lot of self-motivation and enthusiasm is needed to complete the work. • Students are not expected to buy their own software. The open lab has all the software needed for the students to complete the work. It is the

responsibility of the students to use class time wisely and if work is not completed they are expected to go to open lab and complete the work.

- TURN OFF cell phones or place phones on vibrate, away from the desk.
- **NO surfing the web unless for class work.**
- **At NO time should a student be playing games (PC or portable device) during class time.**
- Students will be expected to turn in all work with profession quality.
- Students will be expected to be self-motivated and enthusiastic about the work to be completed.
- Students will be expected to be encouraging and professional at all times.
- If there is a presentation requirement, students will be expected to be in professional attire for all presentations.
- Students are expected to respect constructive comments from peers.

HCC Grading Scale:

A = 100- 90	4 points per semester hour
B = 89 - 80:	3 points per semester hour
C = 79 - 70:	2 points per semester hour
D = 69 - 60:	1 point per semester hour
59 and below = F	0 points per semester hour
FX (Failure due to non-attendance)	0 points per semester hour
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 re-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 into 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.

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Instructional Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External Hard Drive 														
HCC Policy Statement															
Access Student Services Policies on their Web site:	http://hccs.edu/student-rights														
EGLS3 -- Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System	<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

AUGUST 2014

Date	Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 8/25/2014		Fall 2014 Opening Day	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8/25/2014		Fall 2014 Reg 16-WK: Classes begin	Across all HCC campuses.

SEPTEMBER 2014

Date	Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/1/2014		Labor Day	All HCC campuses and buildings are closed.
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/8/2014		Fall 2014 Reg 16-WK: Official Date of Record	Across all HCC campuses.
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/10/2014		Fall 2014 Reg 16-WK: Last day for 70% Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/15/2014		Priority Deadline for Fall Completion of Degrees or Certificate	Across all HCC campuses
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/16/2014		Fall 2014 Reg 16-WK: Last day for 25% Refund	Across all HCC campuses.

OCTOBER 2014

Date	Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/31/2014		Fall 2014 Reg 16-WK: Last day to withdraw	Across all HCC campuses.

DECEMBER 2014

Date	Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/7/2014	4:30pm	Fall 2014 Reg 16-WK: Last day of instruction	Across all HCC campuses.
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/8/2014	7 Days	Fall 2014 Reg 16-WK: Finals	Consult with your professor on dates and times for your final.
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/14/2014		Fall 2014 Closing Day	
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/14/2014		Fall 2014 Reg 16-WK: Semester Ends	Across all HCC campuses.
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/15/2014	12pm	Fall 2014 Reg 16-WK: Grades due-Noon	Across all HCC campuses.

Final Exam Schedule

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 5:30pm-7:30pm