What is this course?

Fundamentals of Game Development

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Welcome to Fundamental of Game Development Course!

- In this course, we are trying to learn what the game is and how we can develop the games.
- You have 3 unit main course + 1 unit laboratory course.
- Due to this reason, in this class, we cover academic issues and unity engine learning.
- Every week, we decide about holding the laboratory class depends on the situation, but by default, we won't hold this class.

Welcome to Fundamental of Game Development Course!

- We don't have TA class, but instead, you must download and watch "Udemy - Complete C# Unity Developer 2D Learn to Code Making Games".
- Every week, we determine which part of this video that you must watch and we expect you will know about them for the next week.
- We have unity questions in the final and midterm exam from what we say in the class.
- But we don't ask questions from the videos.
- in the final project, prototype and homework, we expect you use the techniques that you learned from the videos.

- Introduction to computer game genres
 - We will consider the famous genres of video games from a game designer perspective
 - Action
 - Adventure
 - RPG
 - Sport
 - RTS
 - Platformer
 - And so on

- Introduction to computer game development pipeline
 - Pre production Phase
 - Production Phase
 - Post Production Phase
- You guys will get familiar with the whole process of building a game.
- The Roles that are involved (or needed) for creating a computer game
- The documents that you should generate along the way

- Introduction to game engine architecture
 - The understanding of "Game Loop".
 - Components needed for a game engine
 - The update Routine
 - The rendering Routine
- Introduction to graphics pipeline
 - So many things to cover in this area! We will make things short if our remaining time is limited.
- Things that we will cover in this section are
 - Introduction to fundamentals of 3D graphics
 - Graphics Pipeline

- Introduction to 2D game Development Algorithms
 - Different types of algorithms for different kinds of 2D games
 - Screen based
 - Tiled environment
 - Parallax games
 - Isometric 2D games
 - Scrollers
- Introduction to Physics for computer games
 - The understanding of some important issues in computer game physics

- Introduction to Artificial Intelligence for computer games
 - Path Finding
 - A*
 - Navigation Mesh
 - And so on

- Introduction to Unity game development
 - Why we use engine?
 - How does unity engine work?
 - Programming in unity engine.
 - Creating menu for your games.
 - Using assets (image, 3d model, audio, and so on) in the games.
 - Using software engineering techniques for developing games.
 - Some of the useful architectures that companies use in their games.

Teaching structure

- The Main class includes Academic and Unity information.
- You must watch the tutorial every week instead of TA class.
- The midterm exam is up to the end of season 7 GDD.
- Topics of the midterm will be removed for the final exam.
- Despite midterm and final exam, you have:
 - 3 Unity homework.
 - Writing GDD of your final project game.
 - Developing a prototype of your final project game.
 - Final project.
 - Seminars.

Time scheduling and deadlines

- Midterm: 11 Aban 1399
- GDD deadline: 23 Aban 1399
- Prototype deadline: 14 Azar 1399
- Seminars: Last week of azar
- Final project: One week before score lock
- Homework (3): 9 Aban, 30 Aban, 28 Azar 1399

These times are not changeable!

Scores

Main Course (22)

- Class activities: 1
- Midterm: 4
- Final exam: 6
- GDD: 1
- Prototype: 2
- Final Project: 5
- Homework 1: 0.25
- Homework 2: 0.25
- Homework 3: 0.5
- Seminar: 2

Laboratory Course (22)

- Class activities: 0
- Midterm: 0
- Final exam: 0
- GDD: 2
- Prototype: 4
- Final Project: 12
- Homework 1: 1
- Homework 2: 1
- Homework 3: 2
- Seminar: 0

Notes

- Download and install unity 2019.4.10 from the unity website (https://unity3d.com/get-unity/download/archive)
- Download video tutorial for unity (https://downloadly.ir/elearning/video-tutorials/learn-to-code-by-making-games/)
- It is not an easy course and if you want to pass this course successfully you must try hard and follow deadlines and do your best in the unity projects and exams.
- All kinds of questions will be found in the exams!
- Don't procrastinate! If you postpone all of them for the exam, you can't get a good score even by cramming at the exam!
- Pay attention to all of the conversations at the class.

References

Main course:

- Slides
- All the topics and concepts that we say in the class for unity
- Udemy Complete C# Unity Developer 2D Learn to Code Making Games
- Generally, Whatever we say in the class could be a question in the final exam!

Optional sources:

- Game Engine Architecture, by Jason Gregory
- Introduction to Game Development, Steve Rabin