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# Welcome to The Academic Institute of Excellence

The AIE (Academic Institute of Excellence) family of educational brands, we represent some of SA's leading learning institutes. Known for our innovative approach to quality education, our excellence in delivery and modern technological approach, we are a family proud of our brands, people and students.

#### Our Vision

To deliver demand-driven education, built upon the principal of quality education through innovation and technology.

#### Our Mission

To work tirelessly towards continuous improvement and dedication to quality education.

To create, develop, support and deliver innovative programs that will prepare our learners for a future of exponential industrial disruption with a strong focus on innovation and technology, empowering future generations to solve problems, to think critically, to innovate and to empower others.

To design learning paths by analyzing global skills demands and providing relevant programs to meet these demands, creating employable, productive, emotionally intelligent and skilled learners.

To deliver programs in a smarter, more efficient and cost-effective way through innovation and technology, extending the reach of our learning interventions.



# Teaching Philosophy

Please remember that as the programme is outcomes based – this implies the following:

- You are responsible for your own learning make sure you manage your study, practical, workplace and portfolio time responsibly.
- Learning activities are learner driven make sure you use the Learner Guide, Learner Workbook and Learner Portfolio of Evidence Guide in the manner intended and are familiar with the Portfolio requirements.
- The Facilitator is there to reasonably assist you during contact, practical and workplace time of this programme make sure that you have his/her contact details.

# Our Learning Delivery Methods

Study methods generally vary from person to person. We have created a learning experience that appeals to the different study habits of our students and those currently in a full time job.

Full Time	Reach your full potential through our instructor led classes combined with interactive lessons, practical assignments and in field experience. Our full time offering consist of a full working day, 8 hours per day divided into multiple periods.
Part Time	Designed for the working professional, our part time program covers the same amount of information as our full time offering. Combined with our Online Learning, at home exercises/assignments and in class lectures, this will have you ready for exams in no time.
Correspondence	We have re-defined correspondence studies. Our Assisted Distance Learning ensures that the student never gets left alone to do only self-study by combining online Virtual Classrooms and at home exercises and assignments, all managed by our myAcademy Student Portal.



# Keys to Icons

The following icons are used throughout the study guide to indicate specific functions:

Take note This icon indicates information of importance.
Activity  This indicates activity to be completed in the Learner Workbook for assessment purposes
Video Lesson This refers to video lessons
Quiz This icon indicates an online quiz
Additional reading  This icon indicates further studies or reading.



### **External Sources and References**

# STUDENTS NEED TO BE CAUTIOUS BECAUSE SOME EXTERNAL SOURCES DO NOT NECESSARILY DEMONSTRATE THE CORRECT TECHNIQUES.

- Students should consult with the Mentor regarding the usefulness of tutorials.
- Generally, students should try to take in as much as possible from lessons and practice applying techniques in similar ways to create their own storyboards, Treatments and concept art.
- Students should constantly practice what they are learning. The projects themselves should take up a lot of time, but if students find that they have extra time, they should apply what they have learnt in making their own characters or objects.
- Learning requires allocation of time for each module. Students are advised to follow the study planner and preparation guide.
- All students are advised to apply concepts learnt during lesson activities at or practical sessions.
- Students are encouraged to use effective work habits to master the subject easily. Effective work habits are an easy way out avoiding last minute productions. Working smarter can be thought and the implemented to improve your ability to produce great quality work. These habits include approaching work with the right attitude, choosing the right environment, minimizing distractions, setting a realistic schedule.
- Images included within the assessment document are there for INSPERATIONAL PURPASE and should not be considered as a restriction or a limitation to what is required from the assessment.



### Tips for students

- Understand course expectations.
- Know the syllabus and the weight of each project
- Communicate when you are struggling.
- Get/Stay Organized
- Use Time Wisely
- Become "Noteworthy"
- Take notes in lessons
- Rewrite or organize notes on your computer outside of class
- Use Textbooks do not just rely on what you find on the internet
- Read all assigned material.
- Know what's critical
- Use outlining system to help comprehend material.

### 10 Habits to Work More Effectively

- Don't attempt to cram all into one session.
- Plan when you're going to work.
- Study at the same time.
- Each work session should have a specific goal.
- Never procrastinate your planned work session.
- Start with the easier topic/tasks first rather than attempting the hardest thing and then getting desponded.
- Always review your notes before starting a project.
- Make sure you're not distracted while you're working.
- Use work groups effectively.
- Review your notes and other course materials over the weekend.



# 10 Things that require ZERO Talent

- Being on time.
- Work Ethic
- Effort
- Body Language
- Energy
- Attitude
- Passion
- Being Coachable
- Doing Extra.
- Being Prepared



# Assessment Description



(Saylor)

You will be required to create a 3<sup>rd</sup> Person survival hack and slash survival game. The focus with this brief is game mechanics and creating an enemy wave spawn system and items drops for the main character to collect and survive a never-ending attack of enemies.

They will also have to create a health system for the main character as well as damage trackers for the players along with the waves of enemies. You required to design a single level environment where the player will have to survive. You will also need to keep track of enemies killed; waves survived.



Weighting of this Assessment towards your Final End Year Mark is 15%

# Assessment Duration 8 Week

\*Images included within the assessment document are there for INSPERATIONAL PURPASE and should not be considered as a restriction or a limitation to what is required from the assessment.



# **Learning Outcomes**

- Importing assets.
- Use the Unity assets store.
- Create C# scripts using Microsoft Visual Studio.
- Create own 3D assets using Autodesk Maya.
- Painting textures for own created assets using Autodesk Mudbox.
- Exporting the game for Microsoft Windows.
- Setup an isometric camera.
- Script health and damage stats using C#.
- Script score tracking using C#.
- Insight into the game creation process.
- Insight into the production pipeline of a Game Design Studio.
- Insight in how to plan your game production and set goals to work towards.
- Setting up a File structure that is production pipeline friendly.
- Have a loose condition within the game.
- Have a win condition within the game.
- Make use of the UI tools within Unity 3D.
- Use the particle engine within Unity 3D.
- Write a Game Design Document (GGD).
- Reinforce industry standard coding practices.
- Production and schedule management.
- Plan the timeline for the game creation process.
- Setting up a File structure that is production pipeline friendly.
- Have power-ups for your player.



# **Assessment Restrictions**

- Only <u>FREE</u> assets from the Unity Asset Store may be used if the student does decide not to create own assets.
- Only <u>ONE</u> level must be created.
- Only <u>THREE</u> enemy characters may be created.
- Only <u>TWO</u> weapons may be used in the game.
- Only <u>THREE</u> power-ups may be used in the game.

# Minimum Requirements

One semi open world map.
Main character.
No less than 2 enemies' characters
Two weapons.
Three power-ups for the main character.
Power-ups respawns throughout the created map.
Spawn enemy waves that continue spawning until the main character dies.
Keep track of enemy wave count for scoring.
Keep track of enemies killed.
Save highest score and highest wave count and display on Title screen.
Have the player enter their name if they have the newest high scores.
Each enemy much have its own health total so that the take different damage totals to be killed.
Show main character health bar and active power-ups.
Player should be able to exit the game using a Pause menu while playing.



### **Submission Policies**

### Plagiarism and Cheating

Disciplinary action will be taken against any students who are caught cheating or plagiarizing.

### Stealing

Stealing will not be tolerated, any student caught stealing will face the full wrath of the law. Criminal charges will be laid against any offenders.

Copying other developers code is also considered as stealing as you are required to develop the game using the skills that you learn throughout this course.

#### Files and Folders

Each brief needs to be submitted as a <u>SINGLE ZIPPED</u> file. Your name and surname with assessment number must be the name of the zipped file. If the final ZIPPED file is too large to be uploaded to the portal you are required to create a document with a share link to the ZIP file along with your name and surname and assessment number within the document. This document must then be saved as a PDF and uploaded to the portal. So that the Mentors can download your submission from the cloud storage of your choice.

Please refer to Appendix A for the folder structure for your final submission before creating the final ZIPPED file that you are required to submit.



### Method of Assessment

#### Summative Assessment:

The NQF's objective is to create independent and self-sufficient learners. This means that you will also be required to do independent research and assignments, such as Knowledge Questions Practical Activity (completed in the workplace), Witness Testimony and Logbook. The assessment process is discussed in detail in the Learner Portfolio of Evidence Guide. When you are ready, you will advise your mentor that you are ready for assessment. He or she will then sign off the required sections in the Learner Portfolio of Evidence Guide and you will be able to submit your Portfolio of Evidence for assessment. The summative assessment activities placed in the Learner Portfolio of Evidence Guide for your convenience. If any of your assessment is conducted using observation, role plays or verbal assessment, place a signed copy of the checklists, once completed by your mentor or line manager in your Learner Portfolio of Evidence Guide, as indicated.

#### The Mentor will Assess Your Submission

If successful, you will receive the credit value of this learning program. The entire assessment process is explained in the Learner Portfolio of Evidence Guide and you are urged to read this guide as soon as possible as it explains the assessment process in detail and clarifies your rights and responsibilities to ensure that the assessment is fair, valid and reliable. If you are not successful, you will receive all the guidance needed to resubmit your Portfolio of Evidence within a specific time period, as per the Training Provider requirements.

#### Classroom Behavior

- Classroom disruptions will not be tolerated
- Disrespect towards Facilitator/Mentors, administrative staff and or fellow students will not be tolerated, and such offenders will be subject to disciplinary proceedings (refer to the Student Code of Conduct)
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages and or narcotic substances is strictly prohibited, and criminal charges can be laid against such student/s
- Bigotry and prejudices will not be tolerated
- Use of polite speech and body language
- Students must use polite speech when responding to the lecturer or fellow classmates.



#### Classroom Participation

- Students are required to be actively involved in class projects, group activities, assessments, class activities and or presentations as may be required by the Facilitator/Mentor.
- Students are required to attend class prepared and they must complete the task delegated to them in time.
- Students must take break only during break time. No students will be allowed to take break in the middle of the lecture or lesson.
- An Eighty Percent (80%) attendance record must be obtained during the time frame of the assessment.

### Preproduction

- Design your own two racetracks environment through illustration.
- Design your own kart racers through illustration.
- Complete concept illustrations of all assets that you will included in your game.
- Write your Game Design Document.
- References all images/inspiration that you used to help you in the concepting phase for Preproduction within your Game Design Document.
- Use MLA Harvard referencing method within your Game Design Document for any work you used from other artists or website and books.

#### 3D Modelling

- Model any required assets for your game that you drew out concept art for.
- Model the world that your player is going to have to play through that you concepted during the Pre-Production phase.
- Model the approved character that the player will be using as the main character in your game.
- All assets modelled must have to concept art approved before they are modelled.

### **UV** Layout

Use Autodesk Maya to create simple UV maps for texturing.

### Photo Based Rendering (PBR) Setup

- UV map all created models and assets.
- Texture all UV mapped models and assets.

### Development

Create your game using Unity 3D and Microsoft Visual Studio.



• Use the latest version of the Unity 3D engine for the creation of your game.

# Postproduction

- Export your game for Microsoft Windows
- Finalizing your Game Design Documents so that it reflects your process of the game creation.

### Pacer

Timeline	Progress Checklist
	☑ Start writing the game design document.
Week 01	☑ Start concepting designs for assets.
	☑ Set up Unity project.
Week 02	☑ Start prototyping gameplay.
VVCCR OZ	☑ Prototyping Mechanics.
	☑ Complete Concept designs for assets.
Week 03	☑ Update game design document.
	☑ Start on in-game UI.
Week 04	☑ Complete assets.
VVCCROT	☑ Update Game Design Document.
Week 05	☑ Update Game Design Document.
VVCCROS	☑ Prototyping of gameplay completed.
Week 06	☑ Polish game play.
VVCCI OO	☑ Update Game Design Document.
Week 07	☑ Update Game Design Document.
VVCCICOT	☑ Add sound effects.
	☑ Complete In game UI.
Week 08	☑ Complete game design document.
	☑ Submission.



# **Deliverables Checklist**

Ш	Game Design Document exported as a PDF.
	The Autodesk Maya project for the assets that you created for your game.
	Your final exported game Microsoft Windows.
	The Unity 3D project for your game that you created.

All the above <u>MUST BE ZIPPED TOGETHER</u> using an application like WinRAR so that there is just <u>ONE FILE</u> that gets uploaded to the portal. Please refer to the Submission Structure document that is on the Portal.

# **Assessment Section Weightings**

Areas of Assessment	Weight
Preproduction	15%
3D Modelling and UV mapping	15%
Texturing and Photo Based Rendering (PBR) Setup	15%
Development	50%
Postproduction	5%





(Studio)



(Petite)



# **Additional Open Education Resources (OER)**

### Websites

Unity user's manual

https://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/index.html

Mudbox Tutorials

https://area.autodesk.com/all/tutorials/mudbox/

Autodesk Maya user manual

https://download.autodesk.com/global/docs/maya2014/en\_us/

#### **Videos**

Adobe Creative Cloud's channel

https://www.youtube.com/user/AdobeCreativeCloud

Learn to Make a 3D action Platformer

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiyfvmtjWC\_V\_H-VMGGAZi7n5E0gyhc37

Unity 3D's channel

https://www.youtube.com/user/Unity3D

Brackeys

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYbK\_tjZ2OrlZFBvU6CCMiA

Maya Learning Channel (Contains information on Autodesk Mudbox)

https://www.youtube.com/user/MayaHowTos

Autodesk's Channel

https://www.youtube.com/user/Autodesk



### **Recommended Extra Activities**

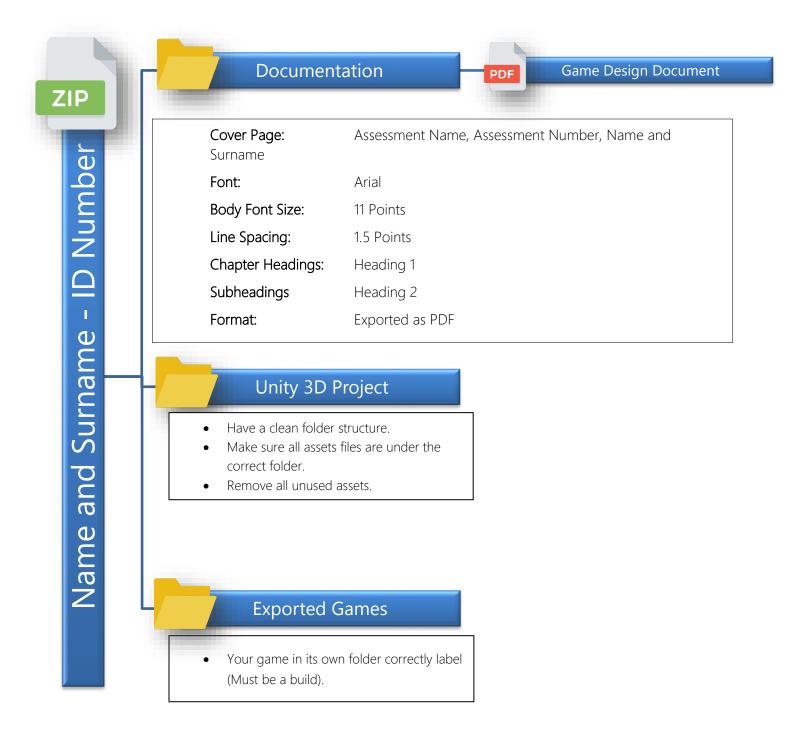
- Get yourself a A4 Dairy that has each day as a full page get an actual dairy do not rely on Apps and setting up schedule on your phone or laptop. You can use your devices to set alarms for your working hours and lunch times and other timers that would help you keep on track during your workday.
- Get yourself sticky notes that will be used as task and goal markers
- Set out reasonable and obtainable goals for each week that runs for the duration of this project. Write them out on the sticky notes and stick them in at the end of each week that you are aiming to have that goal/task completed.
- In the morning of each day set yourself task that you would like to have completed for the day and write out each task on its own sticky note and check them off as you complete them.
- At the end of the day carry over the tasks that you did not complete for the day to the next day.
- Set yourself an hour break each day in to dairy for an hour and take a break each day during that time. **KEEP TO THE SCHEDULE**. Remember taking breaks are just as important as the work.
- Set out for yourself a workday like it would be in a studio. For example, from 8:30 till 17:00. This will be the time you need to get your work done in.
  - o If you are employed and during the Course part-time or online do the same as mentioned above but set something up that would work for your schedule and use your Weekends as work days and set yourself working hours that you need to stick to.



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# Appendix A – Submission Structure





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